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Excerpts from King's famous 'I Have a Dream' speech.

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Martin Luther King Jr. holiday schedules

All banks and city, county, state and federal offices will be closed on Monday and the U.S. Post Office will not deliver mail in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

The Waveland Board of Aldermen meeting has been rescheduled from Monday to Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the courtroom at the Waveland Police Department. There will be no workshop meeting.

Pearls of the Sound to meet on Monday

The Pearls of the Mississippi Sound will hold their next outing at the Knock Knock Lounge, Hwy. 90 and Waveland Ave., on Monday starting at 6 p.m. Karaoke in red hats and purple outfits. Membership dues are \$5, to be put in an envelope with name, address, telephone number and e-mail. Membership only open Jan. and Feb. Call 466-9897 for more.

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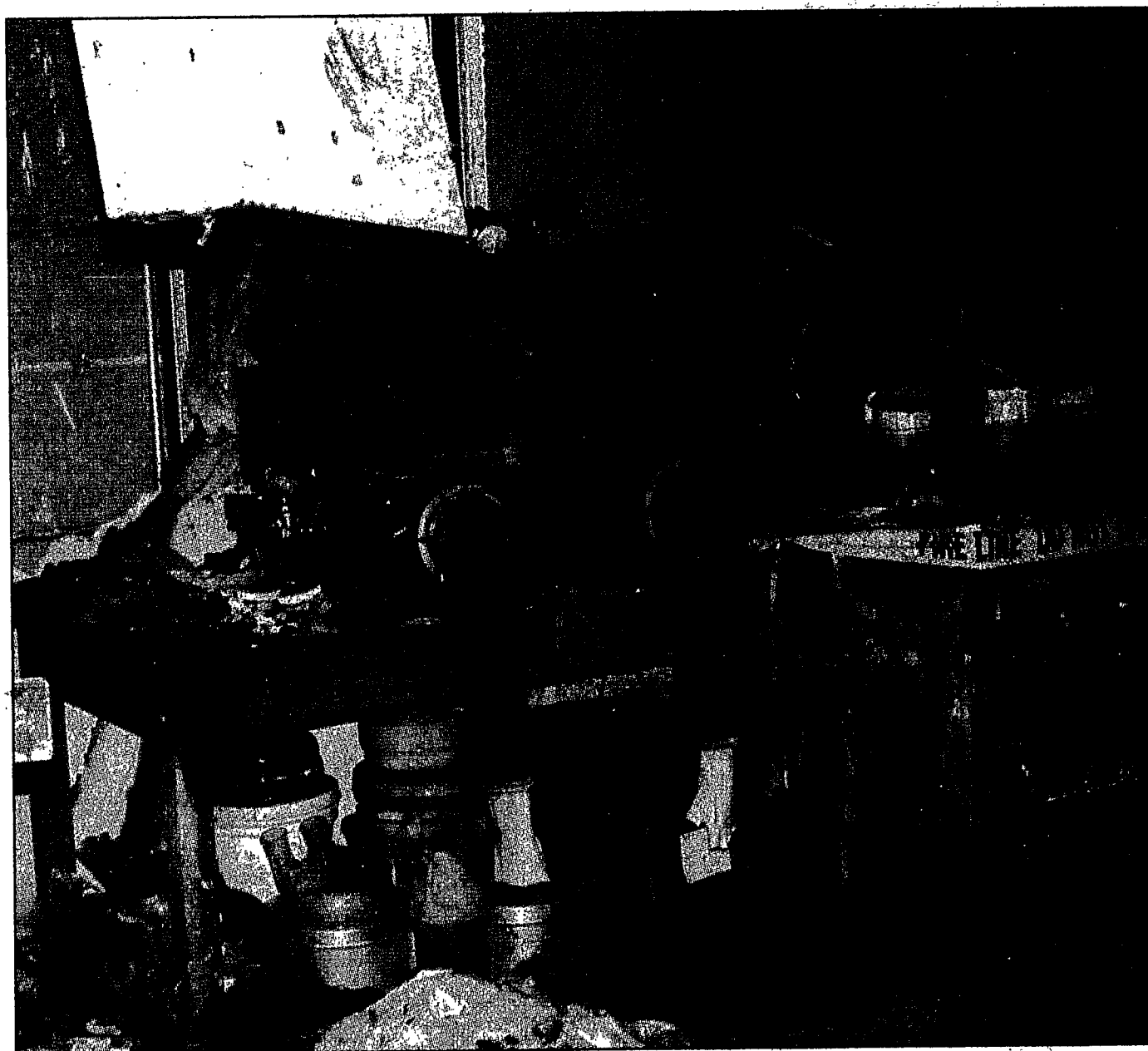
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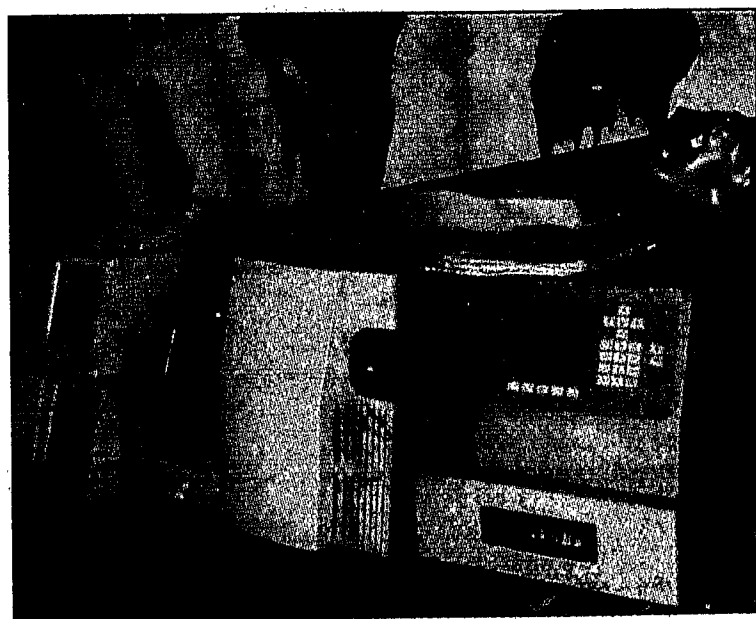
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MPT LAB: UP IN SMOKE



The state fire marshal is still investigating the cause of a blaze that destroyed a laboratory at Mississippi Polymer Technologies Inc. at Port Blenville on Thursday.

Echo staff photos by Ellis C. Cuevas



Research equipment, computers destroyed by fire at Polymer lab

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

On Thursday, Dr. Robert Gagné, president of Mississippi Polymer Technologies, Inc. (MPT) praised the professional manner in which West Hancock County Volunteer Department responded to and quelled a fire in a lab at his facility Wednesday evening.

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New sewer plants get OK

Sites at Kiln, Pearlinton in the works

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The Board of Southern Regional Wastewater Management District made the decision Thursday to take the recommendations of San Francisco based consulting firm URS presented in a report last summer. The district will add \$800,000 worth of digesters at the Waveland plant and go forward with plans for two satellite plants located in the Pearlinton and Kiln areas.

More than two years have passed since DEQ officials told local wastewater treatment districts that they had to come up with a solution for centralized treatment of the county's sewage. Though a lot of progress has been made in the right direction, the future direction of wastewater treatment for outlying areas such as Pearlinton, Kiln and unserved areas in the Hancock Water and Sewer District was hinging on a decision by officials at Southern Regional Wastewater Management District on what direction to take.

The original plan was to

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Methodist church has long history in Bay

Founded in 1852 in Shieldsborough

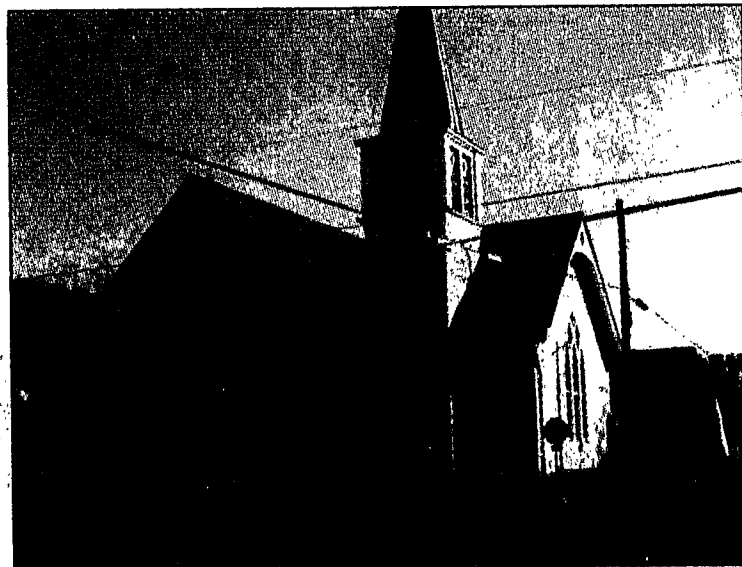
BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus
Main Street United Methodist Church, Bay St. Louis will celebrate over 150 years with special services Sunday through

Tuesday, January 26-28.

Guest pastor will be Rev. Keith Tonkel. He grew up in Bay St. Louis and was called to preach at Main Street Methodist.

During the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services Sunday, the history of Methodism in Bay St. Louis and Hancock County will be celebrated. A pot luck dinner will follow

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The Main St. United Methodist Church sanctuary, dedicated in 1897, will be the site next week for the 150th anniversary celebration of the church in Bay St. Louis. The church was founded in what was then known as Shieldsborough in 1852.

Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

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Christmas in April seeks volunteers and donations

Applications for deserving homeowners also sought

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
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On Wednesday, Jan. 8, Judy Reeves, was elected chairman of the 2003 Christmas in April-Hancock County.

Margaret Hadden, who is spokesman, is one of the original organizers with the group at its first meeting in October, 1996.

Christmas in April is an annual one-day blitz to repair and rehabilitate the homes of the low-income elderly and disabled. The event is to be held this year on Saturday, April 26.

Hadden, who said she was involved with Christmas in April in Harrison County, said when she retired she saw the pro-

gram as one which would be of benefit to Hancock County.

Hadden said, "The program unites people of all faiths and walks of life in an effort to assist people in need."

The co-chairs for 2002 were Becky Rotundo and Maurice Singleton and involved over 100 volunteers to the one-day repair of several homes in Hancock County.

Hadden said, "We need volunteers, (ages 14 and older) money, donations of supplies, etc., in addition to applicants to be submitted for consideration by the Christmas in April Committee. Volunteers do not need to be skilled at home repairs, but any skills will be utilized."

"In 1997, our first Christmas in April for Hancock County, Basil Kennedy was the chairman, and we worked on three homes. Since that time we have had as many as 12 or 13 receiving repairs a year,

some with lots of work, while others maybe only needed a wheelchair ramp," Hadden added.

An application form is available for churches, businesses, civic groups, etc. to refer names of applicants to be considered by the Christmas in April Committee. The deadline for applications is February 13, Hadden said.

Homeowners who are low-income, elderly and disabled, who are not able to do the work themselves, are eligible for Christmas in April services, as are non-profit facilities.

Christmas in April does repairs in the following areas: carpentry, plumbing, electrical, plastering, painting, glazing, weather stripping and locksmithing, as well as trash removal and cleaning.

All repairs are paid for by Christmas in April. Homeowners are not expected to pay for any services provided. The average cost for material for

each home renovation is \$2,000.

Christmas in April receives funds from churches, businesses, corporations, foundations, service organizations and clubs, associations and individuals.

All funds received are fully tax deductible and go directly to Christmas in April. Christmas in April-Hancock County is affiliated with Christmas in April-Harrison County, which is a 501(c)(3) organization and a member of Christmas in April-USA.

Donations may be made to Christmas in April, P.O. Box 483, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

For further information on volunteering, donating materials, etc., you can reach Hadden at 467-1082.

The next meeting of Christmas in April will be Feb. 12, 8 a.m. at Gene Taylor's campaign office, 307 Shieldsborough Square, Bay St. Louis, and all interested parties are urged to attend.

Coast residents named MS 'Ageless Heroes'

THE SEA COAST ECHO

At age of 67, Rosemary B. Finley, of Long Beach, lives out her philosophy that "effective teachers never cease to learn."

At age 84, Olive T. McKenna, of Bay St. Louis, still shapes young lives as a kindergarten teacher.

For their inspirational achievements at age 65 and over, these four Coast residents will be honored as Mississippi Ageless Heroes at a January 28 awards luncheon at Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg. The featured speaker will be Apollo 13 astronaut Capt. James Lovell.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi sponsors the Mississippi Ageless Heroes program to recognize seniors who show that life after age 65 can be a time of activity, vitality and accomplishment.

Each hero is a Mississippi resident who represents achievements in one of six categories: Community Involvement, Creativity, Good Neighbor, Love of Learning, New Beginnings and Vitality.

Six heroes each are chosen from the northern, central and southern regions of Mississippi. Another six heroes represent the state as a whole.

Finley is a statewide winner in the Love of Learning category. Taake is a regional winner in the Good Neighbor category. McKenna is a regional winner in the Love of Learning category. And McIntyre is a regional winner in the Vitality category.

More than 400 senior citizens were nominated for the sixth annual Mississippi Ageless Heroes program. Judges chose 24 nominees - ranging in age from 67 to 93 - to receive the 2003 awards.

The heroes' activities include working to better their communities, pursuing advanced educational degrees, ministering to the needy and those in prison, storytelling and excelling in sports.

"The achievements of these Ageless Heroes are examples of what we can accomplish if we don't view age as a limitation," says Donald Bonin, director of corporate communications for Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi.

"We want to encourage healthy lifestyles at every stage of life. All of the nominees and our winners in particular, are role models for Mississippians of all ages."



Olive "Ollie" McKenna

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi will donate a total of \$21,000 to charities selected by the 2003 Ageless Heroes.

Southern Region Love of Learning Olive T. McKenna, 84, of Bay St. Louis

In the fall of 1952, Olive T. McKenna stepped into a room full of kindergartners to teach her first class. And she hasn't left yet.

McKenna is still teaching classrooms full of kindergartners and helping to shape the lives of her students. At the age of 84, she will celebrate her 50th anniversary as a kindergarten teacher this May.

To say that McKenna has a love of learning is an understatement. In addition to her interest in "the daily success of my students," she continues her pursuit of knowledge.

She was well past 75 years of age when she earned her master's degree from William Carey College on the Coast.

"I greet each day with great expectations of accomplishments," says McKenna. "I never say I can't do it because of my

age. I just do it!"

That go-getter attitude is evident in her personality, as witnessed by her nominator who was also her graduate instructor: "I have had the joy of teaching and learning with her. Ms. Ollie McKenna is, without a doubt, one of the most outstanding educators in Mississippi."

Statewide Love of Learning Rosemary B. Finley, 67 of Long Beach

"Effective teachers never cease to learn" is a philosophy that Rosemary B. Finley lives by. Though she has been teaching more than 30 years and is eligible for retirement, Finley went back to school at the age of 66 to earn a specialist degree in science education from the University of Southern Mississippi.

And she did it with a 4.0 grade point average. She also earned a National Board Certification in Adolescent Science and is the only National Board Certified classroom teacher at her school.

Finley is driven by the positive influence she can have on her students. "There is real happiness and personal satisfaction in observing the differences that I have made in a child's life," she says.

Finley never ceases to learn or to find new ways to help others learn. She was instrumental in helping her school create a nature trail, a butterfly garden and an outdoor classroom.

And she is always willing to share her expertise and wisdom with student teachers and new teachers. I do not think of myself as old, just more experienced," she says.

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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock county Justice Facility from Jan. 10 to Jan. 17. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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- Jamie Lewis, 26, suspended driver's license, failure to yield to blue lights
- Michael D. Lewis, 20, possession of controlled substance without prescription
- Sam R. Cittadino III, 37, embezzlement
- Junior R. Brown Jr., 32, DUI (1st), driving without driver's license, failure to yield blue lights
- Eric W. King, 18, driving on suspended driver's license
- Ricky J. Deogracias, 43, DUI (1st), speeding, simple assault (domestic), (warrant)
- Jarrod R. Marquar, 19, possession of controlled substance
- Clifford E. Marshall Jr., 39, public drunk
- Kenneth Guerra, 40, public drunk
- Patricia Brown, 38, public drunk
- Hilmon Stigler, 29, public drunk
- Samantha K. Tiesel, 26, driving on suspended driver's license
- Michael A. Dupuy, 47, driving on suspended driver's license, DUI (2nd)
- Jason Fairchild, 19, false information to police officer
- Tiffany D. Barnett, 25, public drunk, public profanity, resisting arrest, assault on police officer
- Curt Picou, 23, simple assault, malicious mischief, (warrant)
- Brian Keith Benton, 37, DUI, refused test, improper display of tag, no driver's license
- Evangeline Schwartz, 29, disorderly conduct (failure to obey police officer)
- Richard Wesley Reeves Jr., 33, DUI (1st), driving without driver's license, careless driving
- Bobby Faust, 52, (warrant), hold for Plaquemine Parish Sheriff's Office
- Reginald Williams, 23, contempt of court, (warrant)
- Paulette P. Shiyon, 37, simple assault on minor, (warrant)
- Billy Burr, 26, con-

- tempt of court, (warrant), suspended driver's license, simple assault (domestic), grand larceny
- Rayfield Vaughn, 18, contempt of court (failure to appear)
- Dean M. Nace, 43, simple assault, (warrant)
- Patricia Lowery Moore, 28, uttering forgery, hold for Picayune Sheriff's Office
- Thomas Denkler, 28, hold for Louisiana, (warrant)
- Jacklyn L. Lutz, 44, DUI (3rd), suspended driver's license
- Thomas Lamar Rudder, 42, public drunk
- Juventino M. Esquivel Jr., 37, disturbance of family (domestic)
- Tony Christopher Kinler, 30, DUI (1st), refused test, no driver's license, no proof of insurance
- Bennie K. Nall, 61, felony bad check, hold for Waynesboro Police Department
- Michael Lewis Bell, 37, simple assault (domestic)
- Jessica Lynn Morano, 22, disorderly conduct, parole violation
- Jacob Norman

- Lindberg, 20, simple assault on minor (warrant)
- Timothy Paul Fuller, 19, disorderly conduct
- Wendy Lynne Espenchied, 28, DUI (1st) (other), no insurance, switched tag, careless driving
- Charley Chan Engel, 26, public drunk
- John Kendall Dehart, 20, DUI (2nd), careless driving
- Brian Forrester, 19, shoplifting (1st)
- Ronnie Lynn Gable, 35, hold for Mississippi Department of Corrections, contempt of court (failure to appear)
- Nicomede P. Garcia, 71, DUI (1st)
- Ronald J. Washington, 22, contempt of court (failure to appear)
- Wendall Adams Jr., 42, DUI (1st), simple possession of marijuana while operating vehicle
- Christian Stephen Schade, 42, telephone profanity, indecent language, (warrant)
- Michael L. Faciane, 50, DUI (1st), refused test, driving while driver's license suspended, careless driving

Waveland police keep busy protecting public

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The year of 2002 was a busy one for Waveland Police, who responded to some 5,035 calls for an average of 13.79 per day, according to statistics submitted by Police Chief Jimmy Varnell.

Varnell said, "These numbers do not include the visits officers made on a regular basis, such as checking businesses at night, holidays and weekends, in addition to the number of tickets issued for various traffic violations."

The Waveland Police department keeps records on a monthly basis and disturbances for the year totaled 401, for an average of over one-a-day. Of the 401, 261 were for family problems.

The City of Waveland has three highly traveled intersections at Highway 90, Nicholson Avenue, McLaurin Street and Waveland Avenue.

Traffic accidents responded to by Waveland's officers were 390, which is an average of over one-a-day. There were 70 of the wrecks with injuries, with a total of 111 reported as receiving injuries in 2002.

A break down in records is also kept by the department on juvenile complaints received.

There were 134 of the complaints involving juveniles.

Leading the list for juveniles apprehended was 44 for shoplifting, followed by 15 for runaways, 11 disorderly conduct, eight for curfew violation, six for DUI and the balance for other charges.

Overall in 2002, Waveland's officers made 190 DUI arrests.

Arrests also included 42 for possession of marijuana, 40 for public drunk, 113 for bad checks, and seven for embezzlement.

Some 3,835 citations were issued by officers for

an average of 10.5 per day. There were 1,082 arrests for almost three-a-day average. These figures involved 948 adults and 134 juveniles.

A total of 179 were arrested on contempt of court citations.

A total of 39 breaking and entries were responded to. There were 16 auto thefts reported and reports of 20 discharges of firearms.

Among the most frequent complaints included: 628 burglar alarms of which most were false, 414 wanting to see an officer (this can be for many things Varnell said), 393 suspicious persons, 234 for traffic control, 180 public assistance, 170 assaults, 133 malicious mischief, and other complaints such as 10 armed robberies.

Varnell reports his force includes an assistant chief, 16 regular and nine part time officers, two criminal investigators and three narcotics agents.

Sheriff warns about burglaries in county

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A rash of burglaries in recent weeks in the northern section of Hancock County has the Sheriff's Office beefing up patrols in the area, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

On Thursday Garber said, "We are asking all residents of the area to call the office and report any suspicious persons, vehicles or activities."

The Sheriff's Office can be reached at 228-467-5101; Kiln sub-station, 228-586-0713; and Picayune exchange area, 601-798-8555.

Garber reported that investigators and patrol deputies were busy checking all tips and leads in the burglaries. He emphasized all information will be kept confidential.

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Science workshop

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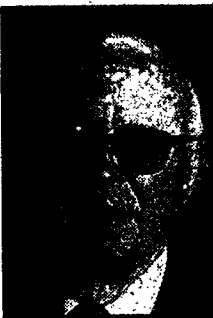
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
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I can take the heat, but I hate the cold

Have you noticed the change in temperature on Friday and Saturday morning?

It was cold here, but I sure feel for those folks who were experiencing the single-digit temps and many with even below zero.

I have a feeling that one becomes accustomed to blizzards, snow storms, etc., just as we do to hurricanes.

Myself, I am for warm weather and am beginning to like hot summers more and more.

I can recall only two single-digit times in temperatures here and really am not looking forward to any more.

If you missed the Chamber's Business After Hours Thursday, you missed some very good food and refreshments.

Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and having a great time.

Chamber President John Baxter and his staff at Hancock Bank, Bay 90 branch, did a great job for this special chamber event.

P.S. I even saw two characters trying to impersonate me.

It is a shame I have not been able to locate Hawaiian shirts with long sleeves.

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission has been working for over four years to receive necessary permits to have Little Lake Channel dredged to

the original 12 foot depth. This past Monday the Port & Harbor Commission awarded a \$928,805 contract which includes the dredging of the entrance channel at the port.

Still there are a couple of other hurdles to cross on the Little Lake project, but hopefully they will be overcome, too.

Linea Peninsular, a shipping company at Port Bienville, operates cargo ships five days a week between the U.S. and Mexico and has five ships home-ported at Port Bienville.

Port Bienville Industrial Park means a lot to Hancock County and the surrounding area.

It seems there are few in Louisiana who do not want to see Hancock County continue to grow by constantly filing law suits against the dredging.

Here are a couple of things folks may want to remember about Thursday, January 23 happenings in Diamondhead.

On Thursday morning the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association will hold its monthly meeting at the Diamondhead Country Club at 8 a.m.

Then from 5 to 7 p.m. the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association's January Business After Hours will be held at the Bigg E's.

The DB&PA's meeting and After Hours are always very interesting and a great time to renew old and make new acquaintances.

First week of Senate action filled with concern

The Mississippi Senate opened the 2003 regular session last week although, coming on the heels of a record-setting 83-day special session on civil justice reform, it sometimes feels like we never left.

We did accomplish some meaningful reform in the special session, so that was worth it.

As we enter the regular session, the one thing that will drive this year's deliberations is the budget.

It is somewhat interesting to note that we did get

off to a faster than usual pace. Early in the first week we approved a bill required by the federal Environmental Protection Agency to adjust an environmental self audit policy we passed in 1995.

In order to keep receiving federal funding for some environmental programs we had to adjust some language that might have protected those who criminally and knowingly pollute our air and water. We were facing a tight timeline for this measure so had to act quickly.

Also, a resolution was introduced to shorten the normal 90-day length of the session by two weeks, thereby saving tax payers about half a million dollars.

I believe this is a good resolution but most of our fiscal matters aren't normally settled until after the March economic numbers are published and we have a pre-planned set of legislative deadlines, so it may not be feasible to do this.

However, I do hope that we will be able to leave Jackson earlier than originally scheduled.

Now, to the budget.

Thursday we heard a briefing from the Legislative Budget Office

and the numbers aren't too good. We will enter the budgeting process with a total general fund budget of almost \$3.6 billion.

That seems like a lot of money, and it is. However, it will be a struggle to make that amount do all the things citizens have come to expect government to do.

As always, education matters are a high priority, and we will allocate about 59 percent of the budget to K-12 and higher education.

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A military draft would bare real patriots

COMMENTARY FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION

Charlie Rangel, the Harlem Democrat, was talking about bringing back the draft the other night, and as he spoke he seemed to make more and more sense, which is sometimes unusual in today's politics.

Fifty years ago, Rangel walked out of town and went right in the Army, joined it to serve his country in a war very few remember fought in a place that has jumped right back into the headlines: Korea.

"I don't understand some of these guys," Rangel was saying, referring to so many of these phony tough guys who sit alongside him in Congress.

"They keep saying, 'We've got to go get Saddam right now. Hit him hard. Teach him a lesson.' But they never answer the question, whose kids are going to end up doing the fighting? Not theirs. That's for sure."

Naturally, there aren't enough votes to restore the idea of a draft. And if it appeared that the outcome was even close, there would be riots in those pleasant, white suburbs where parents regard their sons and daughters as national treasures

not to be wasted on outfits like the Army or the Marine Corps.

On Thursday, a young guy I've known since he was born left for Ranger School at Fort Benning in Georgia. His name is Joe Goodwin. He went to Harvard, where he lit up every classroom with his brilliance.

After graduation, he decided to return the favor he was granted when he was given citizenship at birth. So he enlisted, just like Rangel did all those years before, flew through basic training, did extremely well in Officer Candidate School, volunteered for the Rangers and now figures that his name will soon be on a ticket punched for the desert.

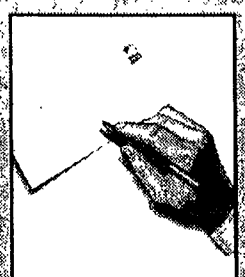
His mother and father are proud. And worried. They are like a lot of other parents of young guys - young women as well - who proudly wear the uniform of the United States of America. They sit there today, wondering what's going on.

Sure, they know that Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein is evil personified. But the parents are of an age where they recall life for the nearly five decades when we successfully con-

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

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tained the Soviet Union.

Unlike this punk Saddam, Josef Stalin, Nikita Khrushchev, Leonid Brezhnev and the other paranoid nut cases who ran Russia had numerous weapons of mass destruction literally at their fingertips.

But we waited them out, spent them into oblivion, contained them and then watched as the wall between East and West Berlin fell.

Now we are again engaged in a war. It's a world war, but the enemy doesn't wear identifiable uniforms or march in regimental strength.

Unfortunately, we ignored this enemy for too long. We figured oceans and billions spent for defense

ensured our safety and survival.

Well, we were wrong. There are plenty of people who hate us for who we are and what we have more than they despise or disagree with what we think or what faith we practice.

And, simply put, they have to be tracked down and taken off the roster. How will punching our way into Baghdad help accomplish the goal of locating and eliminating those who are quite eager to come here and kill us?

The Middle East and too much of the rest of the world have become a breeding ground for anti-American sentiment. The first bombing run over

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Cuevas -- state senate

valuable state employees.

This year we will have to appropriate about \$74 million for the third year of the teacher pay plan, about \$8.1 million for the IHL salary increases, \$2.3 million for community and junior college pay increases and \$12.3 million for pay raises for state employees.

As tight as our budget is, we're in much better shape than many of our sister states. Two-thirds of the states -- 33 -- report revenue collections below forecasted levels through October.

Also, 31 states report budget gaps in the early months of the current fiscal year, and 29 states report that spending is exceeding budgeted levels.

It's important to note that 18 states have already raised taxes. I have no plans to raise taxes. We intend to live within our means and prioritize our spending.

We will search for additional money much as we did last year with the goal of maintaining a working level of state government while maintaining our commitment to education and economic development.

We'll do that by reducing travel, expenses, not filling some vacant positions, real-locating funds from within existing budgets, using available special funds and deferring certain purchases. We think we can make it through this budget year with no further cuts and no

layoffs.

Looking forward, during our budget briefing, we heard from state economists and other state officials. They all agreed that our economy is stable and fairly flat.

They all agreed that economic growth and revenue are just about keeping pace with projections.

However, according to State Treasurer Marshall Bennett, Mississippi's bond rating is now a Double A -- the best the state has ever had.

This in the face of 11 other states being downgraded and 15 others being placed on a "watch list" for possible downgrading.

He credited the

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Legislature's fiscal policies for this outstanding rating and noted that some bond services now use Mississippi as an example of how state's should manage their money and fiscal problems.

Keeping in mind our state's needs, we will probably spend most of this session dealing with budget matters.

It will not be easy. Tough decisions will have to be made. But we will make them.

Let me know what you think about these or any other matters of interest to you by calling me in Jackson at 601-359-3770 or by writing to me at P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, Ms. 39215.

Draft -- which direction?

Baghdad and our first incursion into Iraq will provide these lunatics with a recruiting program Osama Bin Laden could only dream about.

And guess who pays the price? Women like Arelis

Checo, Steven Checo's mom. A week ago, there was a funeral Mass in Mother Cabrini Church in Washington Heights for young Checo, who was a sergeant in the Marine Corps when he was killed in

Afghanistan last month. He was 22, a proud and noble enlisted man serving the nation.

That's what Rangel was talking about when he was so angry about all these tough guys who can't wait to get on TV to holler that we have to kill Saddam now. No waiting. Do it now.

And, by the way, let's whack these North Korean imbeciles while we're at it. Then we'll get back to the task at hand, hammering the demented disciples of Bin Laden.

Sounds great, doesn't it? The good guys winning it all; except things don't always work that way in real life.

The truth is that reality

doesn't always have a happy ending. War isn't a video game or a quick, bloodless exercise where our overwhelming power guarantees a lasting peace.

It means dead Americans, funerals, casualty lists and a military filled with honorable volunteers fighting and dying for a country where we rush toward a three-, four- or five-front war without really discussing the merits or the meaning.

The President of the United States has sincere beliefs and great determination, but he has yet to tell people like Charlie Rangel, Arelis Checo, Joe Goodwin and the rest of us where we're headed, and why.

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Reading Fair

Sandra Ladner, branch manager at the Kiln Public Library, was a judge in the Hancock County School District Reading Fair held Thursday at Gulfview Elementary School. "Throw Me A Story, Mister" was the theme of the reading fair. Children were treated to king cakes and videos.

Births

CONNER KEITH WILLIAMS

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Keith Williams of Waveland announce the birth of a son, Conner Keith, Dec. 17, 2002 at 3:44 pm. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

Mrs. Williams is the former Jamie Rodgers Peterson.

Maternal grandparents are Carolyn Rodgers and Ronnie and Alecia Rodgers of Kiln.

Paternal grandparents are Jerry and Tracey White of Nicholson, Miss. and the late Bertha Harvey.

Great-grandparents include Dorothy Rodgers of Kiln and Hazel Necaise of Pearlinton.

Conner is welcomed by brothers Dustin and John and sisters Briana and Reagan.

MYKENZIE KRYS-TINE MANNION

Todd and Melissa Mannion of Waveland announce the birth of their second child, Mykenzie Krystine, Dec. 27, 2002 at 7:53 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

Mrs. Mannion is the former Melissa Johnson.

Maternal grandparents are Paddy Johnson of Waveland and David Johnson of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Brenda Moran of Bay St. Louis and John Mannion of Springfield, Col.

Great-grandparents include Reeba Dunlery of Cummings, Ga., and Velma Knollenberg of Augusta, Kan.

Mykenzie is welcomed by her sister, Melanie.

PRCC announces Bay St. Louis students on President's List

THE SEA COAST ECHO Pearl River Community College has released its President's list for the 2002 fall semester. Students

making the President's list achieved a 4.0 grade point average and include Felicity R. Arcement and Kevin F. Netto, both of Bay St. Louis.

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Fire -- polymer lab

"West Hancock did a terrific job," Gagné said. "They knew the layout of our facility and did a tremendous task. I am so happy no one was injured. The building's design along with fire doors helped too."

The cause of the fire at the Port Bienville Industrial Park, according to West Hancock Fire Chief Kim Jones, is still undetermined. Jones said he was anticipating more light on a cause of the fire following an investigation by the state fire marshal Friday.

An insurance adjuster was on the scene late Thursday afternoon surveying the losses.

Mississippi Polymer Technologies moved into the \$1.5 million building in March 2002. The office furnishings and plant equipment represented between \$7 million and \$8 million.

The fire was contained to the lab housing the company's computer and chemical equipment used in the research and development operations of MPT.

Gagné guestimated damages at \$500,000, of which probably three-quarters was equipment and balance

in cleanup of the building, he said.

Jones said he was the first to respond to the blaze, arriving in the department's new mini-pumper. Fortunately, Jones said, the facility was unoccupied when the fire broke out.

"I saw white smoke coming out of the front of the building and looking through the front door could see a haze color inside. Our two fire trucks followed and I sounded the automatic aide call to Bay Side Volunteer Fire and St. Tammany Parish Fire Departments, in addition to East Hancock Volunteer and Waveland Fire Departments," Jones said.

The chief continued, "We busted the glass out of the front door and moved down the hallway checking the walls for heat and all were cold until we reached the lab doors and they were hot."

"We emptied six chemical fire extinguishers and used about 400 gallons of water in controlling the fire. We first knocked the fire out completely and then there was a flash over," Jones said.

Gagné said that none of the facility's 25 employees would be laid off, as everyone will be involved in getting the industry back up and running within a short period of time.

Several employees were working at the large facility Thursday, in spite of the fire the night before.

MPT was in operation at Port Bienville's Industrial Park prior to moving in March into the new facility, as it was working for more than a year out of space leased at the McDonald Training Center at the park.

When MPT held its grand opening last March, there were 15 employees and during the past nine months that has grown to 25. Dr. Gagné said the industry's growth is on schedule and work force is expected to continue to increase in the future.

MPT has landed millions of U.S. Department of Defense contracts using some form of Parmax to develop products for the U.S. Navy, Army and Air Force. MPT has 31 patents on file for using the high-performance thermoplastic material for aerospace,

defense, electronic and other applications.

Dr. Gagné moved his operations from California to Port Bienville Industrial Park in 1999 when Maxdem, Inc., a company he was involved in, decided to start a separate company to develop uses and research on its patented high-performance polymer marketed under the name of Paramax.

He has said Maxdem's CEO and President Linda Hope (who was present at the grand opening ceremonies in March, 2002), put him in charge of finding an industrial location for the new start-up company and looked at a number of states.

Gagné visited a friend in Pearlport, who put him in touch with Port and Harbor officials, supervisors and state industrial leaders. This in addition to others involved in the Polymer Science Institute at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Several of MPT's employees are graduates of the University of Southern Mississippi.

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Plants -- Kiln, Pearlport

add capacity at the Waveland plant, then run pipelines to outlying areas.

In August, URS presented a plan for another option, the two satellite plants, with additional digesters to add an additional 5 million gallons a day to the Waveland plant. The firm also included a plan for expansion at the Waveland plant in that study.

The study estimates the total cost of installing the digesters which includes a 20 percent contingency, 12 percent engineering, surveying, administrative, testing, analysis and geotechnical fees, at \$1,075,200.

Cost estimates for the two satellite plants were based on known and anticipated customers. Once actual design and planning begins, anticipated needs may change after more study is done to access growth patterns in the two

areas. The cost estimates do not take into account any land which would have to be purchased on which to locate the plant or any operating and maintenance costs, but they do include all other fees.

Estimates from the August study take into account current populations in Pearlport, Kiln, Port Bienville Industrial Park, an RV park, Bayou Caddy Hotel, the airport, Jourdan River Shores, 1,000 new residence hookups that are in the Hancock district and a small margin for growth until further capacity could be added.

Cost for the Western plant is estimated between \$8,200,000 and \$9,290,000 depending on the chosen outfall; cost for the Northern plant between \$5,820,000 and \$5,490,000 depending on the chosen outfall. The less expensive

estimate assumes overland flow for the Western plant and spray irrigation as the chosen outfall for the Northern plant. The more expensive estimate assumes permitted outfall into a body of water in the area of each plant.

Southern Regional currently outfalls into Edward's Bayou. URS estimated that it will cost approximately \$10 million for the Waveland plant to switch to a spray irrigation system, which would remove the outflow from the bayou.

In the interim, a package treatment plant will be used in Pearlport and possibly in Kiln until the permanent plant can be completed. This will allow funding for collection systems to be released in a timely manner and avoid the loss of grant and loan funds. Estimated cost of the

package plant is about \$500,000.

On Thursday the board received statements of qualifications from three engineering firms. One will be chosen on Jan. 27 to go forward with plans for the package plant. In the next couple of weeks the board plans to advertise for statements of qualifications for work on the digesters and other phases of the expansion.

Church -- Main St.

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the 11 a.m. service.

Pastor Rick Brooks said, "This is not only a celebration for members of Main Street United Methodist, but also for the community. Everyone is invited and urged to attend this great celebration."

Rev. Tonkel, pastor of Wells United Methodist Church, Jackson since June, 1969, will lead the special services at 7 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Main Street United Methodist, Bay St. Louis, which was first known as St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church South, has a lengthy history in Shieldsborough (now known as Bay St. Louis).

The church was organized in 1852 by a teacher-preacher, E.D. Pitts, who established schools in Napoleon (part of the Stennis Space Center's property) and Shieldsborough. Services were held in a small building at the corner of Second and Main Streets.

Bay St. Louis was known as a Methodist preaching place as early as 1842.

In 1859, the property the church occupies was deeded by an outstanding citizen, J.B. Toulme, to two women trustees, Martha Carr Toulme and Cornelia Miller.

Main Street is probably the only church in this state, or any state in the 1850's deeded to women trustees. Martha Carr Toulme was the daughter-in-law of J.B. Toulme, being the wife of his only son.

In 1889, J.V. Toulme, only son of J.B. Toulme, gave the land south of the church for a parsonage which was built in 1892. (The Methodist Day Care center is now located on that site).

The present church building was erected beginning in 1895 and was completed and dedicated by Bishop Charles B. Galloway in 1897. This was the year a disastrous fire destroyed about half of the town.

In 1900 the new building was wired for electricity at a cost of \$36. In 1936 a six classroom annex was constructed at the rear of the present sanctuary and remained until the 1990's.

The present day parsonage located on 2nd and

Timberlane was built in 1964 and dedicated in 1967.

In 1983 a much needed pastor's study was built between the old fellowship hall and educational building. In 1987 a city block corner at 2nd and Court Streets was purchased by the church for a parking lot. This project was completed in 1991.

Major construction of church facilities began in 1993 with building of the multi-purpose building located southeast of the sanctuary.

This was followed in 1998 with the refurbishing of the sanctuary and completion of a choir room, parlor, offices, library, etc., where old Fellowship was located and a tie-in to the multi-purpose building.

In August, 2001, the Multi-Purpose Building was named Rebecca Hall, in memory of Mrs. Leo (Rebecca) Seal, who was instrumental in the acquiring of the church's parking lot, the purchase of the hall, refurbishing of the sanctuary and other recent additions to the church's property.

St. Ann-St. John Church News

Father John Kelly, pastor, 228-467-4746

Sunday masses: St. John Catholic Church, Lakeshore Road, mass at 8 a.m.; St. Ann, 10:30 a.m.

Weekday masses (St. Ann): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30

a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

Jan. 20: RCIA class will start at 7 p.m.; CCD classes Kindergarten through fifth, 3-4:30 p.m. and sixth grade through 12, 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Includes confirmation class The Sacrament of

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BUSINESS NEWS

Tourism group honors Compretta

The Mississippi Tourism Association (MTA) presented their 2002 "Legislative Friends of Tourism" awards to Senator Bob Dearing (D-Natchez) and Representative J.P. Compretta (D-Bay St. Louis) for their work in spearheading legislation which created a Mississippi Scenic Byways program at the association's annual Legislative Luncheon held Wednesday at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Jackson.

"These two men certainly deserve this recognition because without their leadership, we would not have a scenic byway program in place today," said MTA president Fred Ruder of Jackson.

"Through the efforts of Bob Dearing, as chairman of the Senate Highways & Transportation Committee, and J.P. Compretta, as chairman of the House Transportation Committee, Mississippi now has legislation which will allow the state to take part in this exciting national project."

Mississippi's legislation sets up the structure for establishing a 19-member advisory committee that will develop a corridor management plan, which is a Federal requirement, and review applications by communities or organizations seeking byway status for particular roads or segments of roads.

The National Scenic Byways program was established in 1991 and is administered by the Federal Highway Administration. It is designed to preserve and protect the nation's byways while, at the same time, promote rural tourism and economic development.

The Mississippi Tourism Association is a private sector organization with almost 300 members representing all segments of the industry including hotels, restaurants, attractions, casinos, service providers and convention bureaus.

Former bank VP admits stealing to support gambling

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — Ralph Angelo "Sonny" Seymour, a former vice president of Peoples Bank, pleaded guilty Wednesday to stealing \$750,000 from the bank to support a gambling habit.

"Every penny went to gambling," Seymour, 51, of Biloxi, told U.S. District Judge Walter Gex III.

Seymour pleaded guilty to fraud charges.

An audit of the bank's finances turned up a \$5 million loan portfolio showing more than \$750,000 in fictitious loans, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Golden said. The phony loans occurred from 1997 through December 2002.

"He created fictitious loans in the names of long-time bank customers," Golden said.

Golden said Seymour, using bank customers who were in good standing, created fictitious unsecured loans and forged signatures on disbursement checks. Golden said Seymour hid the fictitious loans by combining them with valid loans in the portfolio.

Gex said Seymour could face a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison, five years supervised release and a fine of \$1 million.

Seymour, who is free on bond, is scheduled for sentencing in April.



Groundbreaking

Officials at the Isle of Capri Casino in Biloxi broke ground this week on their new \$75 million expansion project. Plans include an 1116-car parking garage which is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The garage will have six floors and will be connected to the second floor of the casino. A second phase of the addition will include a new, 12-story, 396-room hotel built on top of a three story podium, north of the existing hotel. The two towers will be connected, forming one hotel tower. Plans also include a 12,000-square-foot multipurpose room with 6,500 square feet of meeting space and is expected to be completed in the spring of 2005. (Staff photo by Randy Ponder)



Grand opening

Tangy's World of Gifts, 712 Highway 90, Waveland, recently celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting. In attendance were John Baxter, Pricilla Carbo, Tish Haas Williams, owner Tangy Kelley, Mary Blount, Jim Blount and Marilyn Finch. The new business offers affordable gifts and balloon bouquets. (Staff photo by Cecilia Howe)

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Obituaries

EDNA AINSWORTH
RUDY L. C. BLAIZE
LILLIAN CALDWELL
MARTHA CHAMBERS
JERRY CUEVAS
WALTER C. NILSSON
GLORIA ROBERT
FREDRICK SAPIA JR.
FRANK A. STEEN
EMILY WAITS

EDNA AINSWORTH
 Edna Marie Ainsworth, 54, of Gautier, died Tuesday Jan. 14, 2003, in Gautier.

Mrs. Ainsworth was a native of Norfolk, Va. Survivors include her husband, D.J. Ainsworth of Gautier; two sons, Kenny Wayne Steele of Ocean Springs, and Carl Steele of Ocean Springs; two daughters, Audrey Steele of Bay St. Louis, and Crystal Folknew of Long Beach; 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday at Jackson County Funeral Services in Escatawpa followed by services in the funeral home chapel.

RUBY BLAIZE

Ruby Lee Cross Blaize, 94, of Bay St. Louis, died Jan. 14, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Services are pending at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

LILLIAN CALDWELL

Lillian M. Caldwell, 64, of Long Beach, died Jan. 13, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Caldwell was a teacher for over 30 years, recently retired from the 28th Street Elementary School in Gulfport. She was a member of the St. John Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday School. She was a lifelong resident of the Gulf Coast.

She was survived by one son, Gavin Caldwell of Gulfport; four daughters, Beverly Coumarbatch of Pass Christian, Sgt. Dedri Caldwell, Carol Hart and Cheryl Caldwell, all of Gulfport; four brothers, Don Garrett, Sr. of Biloxi, James Martin of Pass Christian, Willie Martin and Martin Chambers, both of Gulfport; and one grandson.

A memorial service was conducted Saturday at St. John Baptist Church in

Gulfport. Hartwell's Christian Mortuary in Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

MARTHA CHAMBERS

Martha "Ann" Peterson Chambers, 59, of Pass Christian, died Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003 in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Chambers was a lifelong resident of Pass Christian and a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian. She was a homemaker and a nanny to all of her many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Chambers was preceded in death by her parents, Oliver J. and Amelia C. Peterson, and a brother-in-law, Charles Robert Henderson.

She is survived by her husband, Walter Chambers of Pass Christian; two brothers, Charles and his wife Mattie Peterson of Gulfport, Harold J. and his wife Debra Peterson of Delisle; two sisters, Bernadine Peterson and Barbara Henderson, both of Pass Christian; 10 nieces and nephews; three great-grand nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Friday and Saturday at the Pass Christian Chapel of Riemann Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Paul Catholic Church, and burial was in Old DeLisle Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

JERRY CUEVAS

Jerry John Cuevas, 64, of Pass Christian, MS, died Wednesday, January 15, 2003 in Pass Christian.

Mr. Cuevas was a lifelong resident of Pass Christian and was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church. He was a retired longshoreman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cornelius and Flora Cuevas.

Visitation will be from Noon to 1 p.m. Monday at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the church. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's at Rotten

Bayou Cemetery in Hancock County.

The Pass Christian Chapel of Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian is in charge of arrangements.

WALTER NILSSON

Walter Charles Nilsson, 92, of Bay St. Louis, Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Nilsson was a native of Stavanger, Norway, and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. He was of the Lutheran faith. He was a retired Merchant Seaman.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Gephert Nilsson; his parents, Gustav and Beatha Svensen Nilsson.

Survivors include his sister, Sonja Jinesjo of Sweden; two brothers, Alf B. Andersson and Hugo L. Andersson, both of Sweden.

Services were conducted Friday at Bayou LaCroix Cemetery in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in Bayou LaCroix Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

GLORIA ROBERT

Gloria Marie Robert, 78, of Gulfport, died Thursday, January 16, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Robert was employed by Dr. and Mrs. Hal Cleveland for 32 years and worked for the Salloum's. She was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church in Gulfport.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leo B. Robert Sr. and Carmen M. Robert; and two brothers, Leo B. Robert Jr. and Lucien R. Robert Sr.

Survivors include her son, Leo M. Roberts of Gulfport; brother Joseph Robert Sr. and wife Dorothy of Gulfport; three granddaughters; and two great-grandsons.

Visitation will be 10:30 a.m. followed by services at 10:30 a.m. at St. Theresa Catholic Church.

Burial will follow at Monroe Memorial Park Cemetery. J.T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

FREDERICK SAPIA JR.

Frederick "Freddy" P. Sapia Jr., 66, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, in Biloxi.

Mr. Sapia was a native of New Orleans and a longtime resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He was also a member of the Gulfport Church of God.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fredrick P. Sr. and Ezella C. Sapia; and a daughter, Christine Bauman.

Survivors include a son, Barry Sapia of Kiln; three daughters, Belinda Patin of Gulfport, Debbie Adams and Melinda Musmeci, both of Marrero, La.; two brothers, Stanley Sapia of Pass Christian, and Roland Sapia of Marrero, La.; and 11 grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday at the 25th Ave. Chapel of Riemann Funeral Home followed by services in the funeral home chapel. Burial was in Gulf Pines Memorial Garden and Mausoleum in Long Beach.

FRANK A. STEEN

Frank A. Steen, 55, of Pass Christian, died on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mr. Steen was a longtime resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast and was employed as an electrician with Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alden William and Ethel McDonald Steen, and a sister, Selene Steen Levanway.

Survivors include a brother, Alden H. Steen of Long Beach.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 10 a.m. in the Long Beach Chapel of Riemann Funeral Home where friends may call an hour prior to service time.

Burial will follow at the Long Beach City Cemetery.

EMILY WAITS

Emily Waits, 72 of Pass Christian, MS., died January 17, 2003, in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Services are pending at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport.



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The President's List includes full-time students who earned a 4.0 grade-point average (all A's).

Students recognized from the local area include:

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WAVELAND

Janna Elisa Willey

Justine Bartlett Willey

Fourth Saturday Night singing at Bayside Baptist

The Fourth Saturday Night Singing will be held at Bayside Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. Featured groups will include Final Harvest; Gospel Warriors; and Brother Ira Jarrell. For more information, call (601) 799-2968 or (228) 467-0801. Bayside Baptist Church is located in about three miles west of Waveland off Hwy. 90 in the Bayside Park Subdivision on Hancock Dr. between Carroll and Chickasaw streets.

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TOPS MS 307, Bay St. Louis, met Wednesday, Jan. 15 in Triumphant Christian Church, 1807 Waveland Ave. Waveland with 10 members were present.

Sherri was top KOPS. Verma was runner-up, best loser for December, and Sherri was best loser for December. Paula received a certificate for walking 310 miles in 2002 for a total of 2,512 miles.

Sherri received a certificate for walking 253 miles in 2002 for a total of 3,244 miles.

A speedy recovery is wished to secretary Jenny and weight recorder Rhonda who are both in the hospital.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at Triumphant Christian Church, 1807 Waveland Ave., Suite A, Waveland. Weigh-in is 4-5:30 p.m. with the meeting following.

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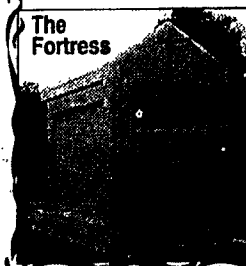
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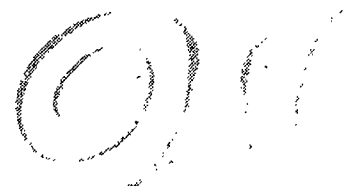


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Library visit



Students from the University of Southern Mississippi's preschool classes visited the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library last week. The class was given a tour of the library and a presentation on Renaissance — The Revival of a Community, the library system's community mosaic mural that depicts Hancock County's rich history and culture.

Hancock County Chamber News

Arts Council Update:
If you have not yet sent in your interest form for the Arts Council, please do so today.

Copies of the form may be picked up at the Chamber, Da Beach House, Bookends or any branch of the Hancock County Library System. Next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 29 at the Bay Library, 4 pm.

Events Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 23
Diamondhead Business & Professional Association
8 am, Monthly Meeting - Diamondhead Country Club
5-7pm, Business After Hours, Diamondhead Bigg E,s
8:30 am, Old Town Bay

St. Louis Merchants Association, Court Street Station

Jan. 28-31

Governor's Conference on Tourism, MS Tourism Association, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis

Wednesday, Jan. 29

4 pm, Arts Council of Hancock County meets, Hancock Library-Bay St. Louis

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Bingo Tuesdays start at American Legion

The Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 77, Waveland will host bingo at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the post on Coleman Ave. \$5 pack, extras for \$1.

Hancock NAACP Black History Month program

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Twentieth Annual Thomas P. Clark Memorial Black History Month Program sponsored by the Hancock County Branch NAACP will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Train Depot. Any county resident between the ages of 9-19 years old is eligible to participate.

Participants may regis-

ter by calling Donna Holton at 466-0973 or Goldie Fairconnetue at 467-4126. Registration is a must and the deadline is Feb. 8.

Participants must also be present for one of two dress Rehearsals which will be held at St. Rose Church Parish Center in Bay St. Louis. Rehearsals will be held on Friday, Feb. 7 or Wednesday, Feb. 12 between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Krewe of Diamondhead planning 2003 parade

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Parade Lieutenant Ray Sheehy has started his planning for the 2003 parade that will kick off at noon on Saturday, March 1.

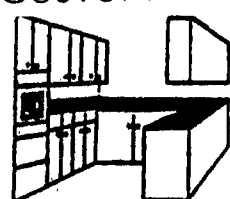
Participants who would like to enter a float, marching unit, golf cart, or any unit you may want to enter, are encouraged to contact Ray Sheehy at 255-6922 or e-mail at krewedhpa@parade@aol.com for an application. The parade started over 20 years ago mainly

with golf carts. Owners of golf carts are asked to enter their carts this year. The theme is "Celebrate America," so decorate your unit and enter the parade.

"Each unit must have their own insurance, and the application must be submitted by Feb. 18. This is a family parade and one of the largest on the Coast, so come join us on March 1 and share in the fun with your family and friends," said Sheehy.

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SPORTS

Rocks defeat Pass on last-second shot 62-60

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The #3-ranked St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws and the Pass Christian Pirates battled in one of the best high school games this year on Friday.

The game went to the buzzer, literally. Junior guard Darius Acker hit two clutch baskets in the final :53 to propel the Rocks to the 62-60 victory.

Acker answered Rueben Nichols' trey with his own at the :53 mark to tie the game at 60-60. Then, as time expired Acker nailed a fade-away on the baseline that was all net.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner commented, "I am very proud of the players. This was a good win for us on the road. It showed a lot of character for us to come back. The game was one that could have gone either way. Coach Buddy Kennedy did a great job tonight. The Pirates are extremely athletic and maybe the most athletic team that we face all year. Their backcourt is very quick and their post players are fast and can jump. We made some key baskets at the end but we did not play consistent all game. Pass Christian had a lot to do with that. We still have some improvements to make."

The Rocks jumped out to a quick 5-1 lead behind Mario Faranda and Acker. However, Chad Musgrove tied the game with his jumper just inside the 6:00 mark.

Faranda and Acker pushed the lead to 11-5 but the Pirates found a spark from Rueben Nichols and quickly got back in the game at 11-10 with 2:30 left to play in the opening period.

Faranda and Acker pushed the Rocks to a 19-12 lead at the end of the first period.

The Rocks comfortably held the lead in the early stages of the second period

and were up by as many as nine points 29-20 with 1:20 left to play in the first half.

The Pirates found some offense in the final minute behind Billy Crawford and cut the lead to 31-28 at the break.

Pass High kept the momentum going from the end of the second period into the first half of the third period as they went on a 11-2 run to start the second half. With 4:40 to go in the third period, the Pirates were up 39-33.

The Rocks turned up the heat and went on an 8-0 run keyed by Faranda's eight points including a bone-crushing baseline dunk with 3:15 left in the third period. The score at the end of three periods of play was 49-46 in favor of the Rocks. One interesting fact to the attentive fan was the foul differential heading into the final period of play. The Rocks had been whistled for just one foul while the Pirates had committed six. That would change and quick. The Rocks finished the game having committed six fouls and the Pirates seven.

The final period was nip-and-tuck the entire way. The Pirates tied the game 50-50 with Maurice Hardnett's putback with 5:21 left.

Following that basket, each team traded baskets until the 1:24 mark when Nichols finished off an 8-0 run with his trey. Gabe Willis nailed two free throws for SSC before Acker answered Nichols' trey to tie the game at 60-60. Acker nailed his buzzer-beater to end the game.

Pass High head coach Buddy Kennedy stated, "We felt like the game was ours to win in the last two minutes. We had some breakdowns on both ends of the court and St. Stanislaus took advantage of them. The Rocks shot well from the guard position and scored inside. We like to go

inside as much as we can because that helps our guards get effective from the outside. St. Stanislaus is big and strong inside and they have some quick guards."

The Rocks (21-2, 7-0) were led by Mario Faranda's 20 points and 10 rebounds. Darius Acker nailed 18 points while Gabe Willis scored 10 points and dished out 7 assists. Brett Amond recorded 8 rebounds and 6 blocks. Rueben Nichols led the Pirates (13-6, 6-2) with 18 points followed by Hardnett and Garland Stewart with 12 points each.

In earlier action, the Pass Christian Pirates fell to the Gautier Gators on a buzzer-beater 49-48 in Gautier. Garland Stewart led the Pirates with 11 points. St. Stanislaus defeated East Central 64-30 as Acker and Faranda each scored 22 points. Both of those games were played on Tuesday night.

Also on Friday, January 17, the Hancock Hawks defeated the Peta Panthers 83-51. The hawks led at halftime 40-25. Hancock head coach Michael Ladner stated, "We played very well tonight. This was the smartest game we have played all year. Our shots were falling for us and I am very pleased with our effort."

Hancock was led by five double-digit scorers. Daron Boone and Braxton Rockwell led Hancock with 18 points followed by Adam Ladner and Jeremy Strief with 11 points each. Brandon Necaise finished with 10 points. Boone and Rockwell grabbed five rebounds while Ladner pulled six boards down. Strief completed a double-double with 10 assists in the game.

The Lady Hawks of Hancock won big over the Lady Panthers; however, scoring details were unavailable at press time.

scored goals for the Lady Tigers with assists from Hannah Johnson and Brittany Strong.

Bay Dixie Fastpitch Softball League meets

The Bay Dixie Fastpitch Softball League will have a general information meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Mississippi Power building. Board members will answer questions on registration dates & times, costs and other information. A representative for the 2003 Ponytail World Series will give general info. Registration & coaches applications.

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I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"



OLA, Bay High soccer update

OLA-Long Beach

Our Lady Academy and the Long Beach Lady Bearcats battled to a 2-2 tie Tuesday night in high school soccer. Rachel Cranford and Meghan Flynt scored goals for the Crescents. Kara Harshbarger and Lauren Goulet had assists.

In the junior varsity contest, OLA won 4-1. Lauren Rentz, Rachel Wright, Kay Pouriraji and Whitney Siewert each scored a goal for the Crescents. Meghan Flynt and Melissa Passman had assists.

The junior varsity team has posted a 5-0-1 record this season and will host Oak Grove Monday at 2 p.m.

OLA Jr. High-Long Beach

The Our Lady Academy junior high soccer team blanked Long Beach 3-0 Wednesday night. Shelby Wild, Olivia Hoff and Amanda Meyers scored for the Crescents. Meyers and Margaret Rittiner had assists. Bri Johnston and Amelia Simpson combined in goal for the shutout.

The team is a perfect 9-0 on the season and will face St. Scholastica Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. on the road.

Lady Tigers-Poplarville

The Bay High Lady Tigers lost a close contest to Poplarville Tuesday night in soccer, 3-2. Whitney Thomas and Kayleigh Davis

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SPORTS

Hawks basketball: Consistency is the missing ingredient

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

(This is the second installment of a three-part series on Bay High, Hancock, and SSC.)

The Hancock Hawks basketball program became very balanced last season and is continuing down that path in 2003. The Lady Hawks had some early setbacks this season but have found their groove as of late. The same holds true for the boys side as they enter the final stretch of the division schedule and look to lock in on the second seed in the tournament.

The Lady Hawks opened the season with a #1 state ranking. That news had Kiln, Mississippi buzzing with enthusiasm. Last season, the Lady Hawks made the state tournament as the #2-seed from the South. The Lady Hawks had a solid showing in their first season of 5A basketball but bowed out after the first game in Jackson. However, a vital cog in the machine for the Lady Hawks was the fact that they returned every starter from 2002.

The early season press and hype may have had some bearing on their play in which they started 0-2. Nevertheless, many people around the state felt like the Lady Hawks were the best 0-2 team around. Hancock head coach Pam Slayton commented, "As we played more big teams once the season started and beat them, we gained some confidence. The team had solid momentum heading into the Christmas break. The lull took a bit off of us and we dropped a game to an out-of-state opponent. We followed that up with a win and began to get some momentum. The Bay High win after school started back was as huge for the program this year as it was for our psychological play."

Brooke Necaise, a 2002 All-State selection, is the team's leading scorer heading into the final stretch before the division tournament. She has been called the "complete package" by her coach and one who has tremendous fight and heart each night on the court.

Devin Necaise, a senior, recently signed a full athletic scholarship with the University of Memphis Lady Tigers. Necaise leads a backcourt that has been steady for the Lady Hawks the past few seasons. Necaise is an offensive threat each time down the court but has picked up her defensive game the past couple of years. Her hard work ethic has paid off for Necaise as she will have the opportunity to continue playing at the Division I level. She becomes the first D-I signee for the Lady Hawks since Jessica Pucheu.

A relative newcomer to the starting lineup this season has been Ashley Boehnel. She has stepped up her offensive prowess and the team and opponents have taken notice.

Courtney Craft has worked herself into a groove at the point guard position. Craft is a player who leads her team with intensity dictates the tempo of the Lady Hawks on offense.

Kayla Stephenson is a gamer according to Coach Slayton. She is a very consistent player in the post game for the Lady Hawks and one who plays her role out each night.

Rachel Necaise is another senior post player for the Lady Hawks whose niche is defensive play. LaTisha Shiyon has been out nursing an injury most of the season. The Lady Hawks



Hancock High School Lady Hawks 2003 basketball team.

miss her physical presence in the post.

The Lady Hawks currently sport an 18-6 record, a #10-ranking statewide and remain undefeated in division play. Slayton continued, "We have to be ready to play each night down the stretch. We have to come into each game focused. There are some

good teams we still have to play. We need to work on getting better and staying focused. The players are so much fun to work with and they show tremendous heart. Our main goal is to play very steady and consistent basketball each game."

Consistency is what the Hawks are striving for on the boys side of the court, as

well. In 2002 the Hancock Hawks posted their first winning since 1994 with a 16-15 record. The Hawks were poised for a breakout year in 2003 but a tough early season schedule with teams like Pascagoula, Slidell, Gulfport, Moss Point, Hattiesburg, and Harrison Central didn't put the Hawks where they wanted to be record-wise.

Hancock boys head coach Michael Ladner recalled, "The loss of Cody Ladner before Christmas hurt us a bit. We felt like we had a pretty good inside game coming into the season with Braxton Rockwell and Adam Ladner. Cody Ladner's injury hurt us and helped us. It hurt us offensively but helped us with finding other people to step their games up. His injury will make us deeper as a team down the stretch."

Consistency seems to be the one thing holding the Hawks back from becoming a full team. Hancock let a few games get away in the early part of the season that could have been some wins

for Ladner and crew. However, inconsistent play led to the opposite outcome.

Now that Cody Ladner is back in the lineup, the Hawks will look to build on that and achieve the consistency they have been searching for. Ladner commented, "Jeremy Strief had a solid summer but a rocky start to the season. He needs to get his consistency back. Daron Boone has to come in and play four consecutive quarters for us. Adam Ladner has come a long way with his inside game. He and Braxton Rockwell are improving every night on the court. Josh Ladner is playing the most consistent for us. He has really worked hard. Cody Ladner, back from his injury, gives us both inside and outside options we can go with. Brandon Necaise and Levi Ladner have both contributed solid minutes and good points to the program."

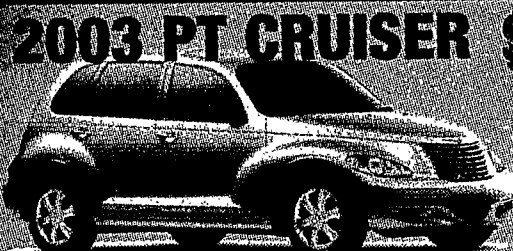
The Hawks have some games in front of them that they can use to gain the momentum and consistency they need heading into the

division tournament. Ladner recalled, "If we can build on the way we have played right after the Christmas break where we won four-of-five games, the other games will fall into place."

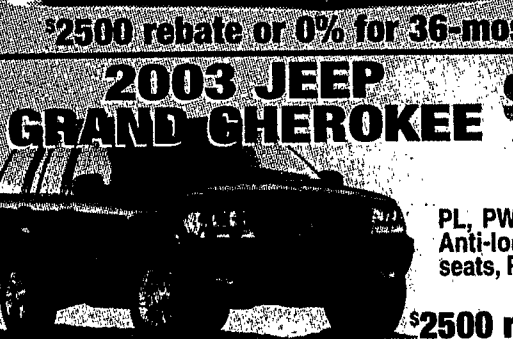
The Hawks currently sport a record of 9-12 overall and are 2-2 in the division. Hancock is playing for the #2 seed in the division tournament which is being held at Hancock High School starting in the second week of February. With consistency seeming to be the only kink to work out for the Hawks' basketball program, look for some exciting Hawk action in Kiln during early February. However, a new season starts the second the ball is tipped in the division tourney. Who knows? Maybe the consistency will begin right then! If that is the case, then the fans of Hancock County are in for a real treat.

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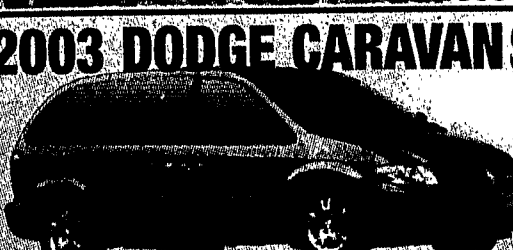
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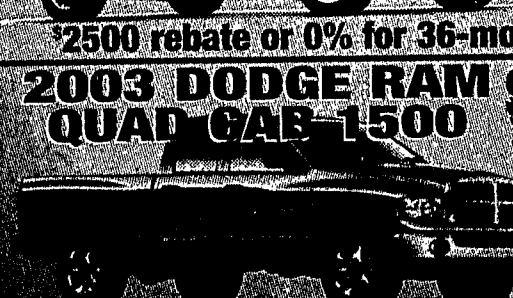
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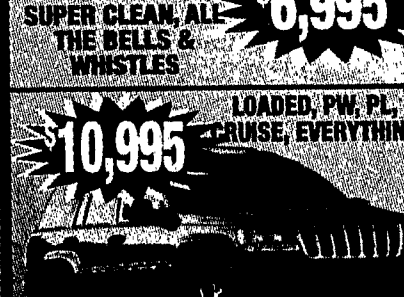
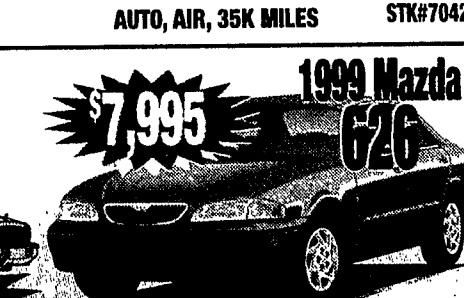
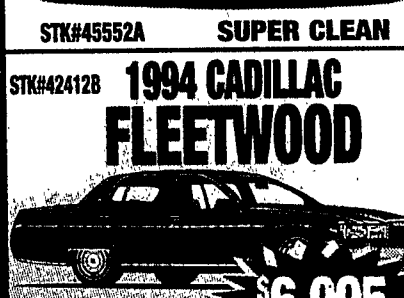
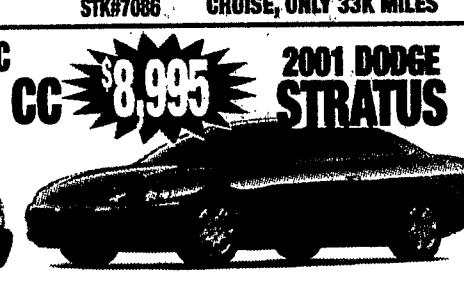
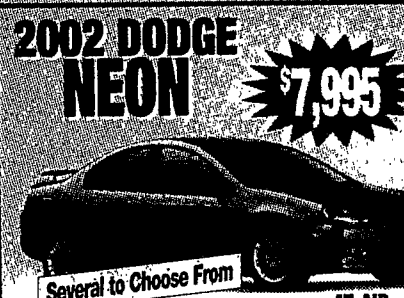


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Athletes should train now for Area III Special Olympics

THE SEA COAST ECHO
STENNIS SPACE CENTER, - Athletes need to begin training now to be ready for the annual John C. Stennis Area III Track and Field Competitions scheduled for March 29.

To be eligible to compete, athletes must be at least eight years old (no upper age limit), be mentally handicapped, and must have a current medical form on file with the Special Olympics.

Peggy Lamey, Area III Director, urges all eligible athletes to sign up now for this fun-filled day of games and activities.

Track and field competitions, patterned on the World Olympics, include relays, bocce ball, volleyball, wheelchair races, assisted walks, badminton, basketball, standing and running long jumps, shot put, and 50-, 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes.

According to Stennis co-chairperson, Melanie Gehman, this event draws more than 250 athletes from Hancock, Harrison, Pearl

River, and Stone counties, as well as over 500 volunteers and sponsors. This year's event is coordinated by the Naval Oceanographic Office.

The mission of the Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for all mentally retarded children and adults, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills, and friends with their families, other Special Olympians, and the community. Through successful experiences in sports, Olympians gain confidence and build a positive self-image that carries over into the classroom, the home, the job, and the community.

Athletes may contact Mrs. Lamey at (228) 822-0123 or Mrs. Melanie Gehman at 228-688-4938 to obtain additional information and the necessary paperwork.

AARP to meet Monday

Chapter #1114 of AARP will hold a meeting on Monday, January 20th at 10:AM at the Legion hall on Coleman Ave. Guest speak-

er is Dr. Cecilia Burke from Hancock Medical Center. Lunch will be served. Please plan to attend, guests are welcomed.

HHS '01-'02 yearbooks available

Hancock High School has a limited number of yearbooks available from the 2001-2002 school year.

These books feature the graduating class of 2002. For information, contact HHS at 467-2251.

Local volunteers to travel to Jackson for American Cancer Society lobby day

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Hundreds of American Cancer Society volunteers from across Mississippi will convene in Jackson on Thursday, Jan. 23 to lobby their elected officials about cancer-related issues.

The American Cancer Society's 2003 legislative agenda in Mississippi focuses on increasing the state's excise tax on cigarettes by 50 cents.

The increase in the state's excise tax would bring Mississippi more in line with the rest of the United States. Mississippi's cigarette excise tax, which currently stands at 18 cents, has not been changed since 1985 and ranks as the ninth lowest in the nation.

"In this legislative session, we have the opportunity to help relieve some of the state's budget concerns while saving lives at the same time," said Kim Yarbrough, an American Cancer Society grassroots volunteer.

"The decisions of our elected officials can affect how many people will die of cancer in Mississippi. That's why it is important for us to let our voice be heard."

The American Cancer Society is joined in this effort by the Communities for a Clean Bill of Health, a broad-based coalition of community and state-based organizations who believe that, by increasing the excise tax on cigarettes, Mississippi will achieve a reduction in the number of teen and adult smokers, fewer teens will start to smoke, deaths caused by tobacco-related illnesses will decrease, health care costs will decrease, and revenue will be raised for Mississippi.

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"Each household in Mississippi pays \$495 per year in federal and state taxes to aid in tobacco-related health expenses, and yet less than 25 percent of Mississippians smoke," said Kimberly Hughes, American Cancer Society government relations director for Mississippi.

"Raising the excise tax just makes good sense. It only affects the 20 percent of the population that smokes, but could generate more than \$122 million in tax revenue for the state."

According to the Communities for a Clear Bill of Health, raising the cigarette tax by 50 cents would achieve the following in Mississippi:

- 5,900 children will no longer prematurely lose their lives to smoking-related illnesses
- 18,500 fewer youths under the age of 18 would

begin to smoke

- 14,700 adult smokers would quit the habit

- More than \$122 million in tax revenue would be raised for critical health care needs

- More than \$5 million in sales tax revenue would be raised

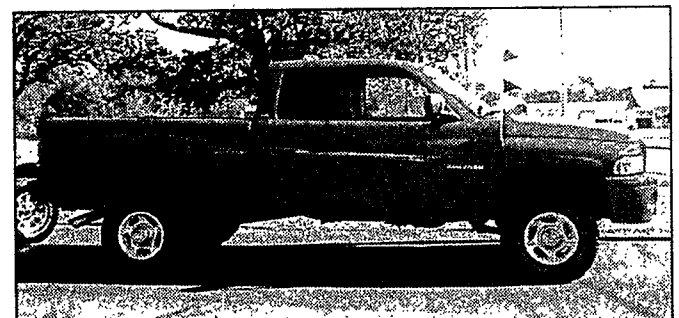
- The state would save more than \$343 million in long-term health care costs

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

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Thursday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Friday: Cinnamon-Raisin Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Holiday
Tuesday: Chili and Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Steak Sandwich with Trimmings, Cheesy Broccoli, Peas and Carrots, Chilled Peach Slices, Orange Smiles, Chewy Fudge Brownies

Wednesday: Red Beans with Rice and Sausage, Bacon Burger, Seasoned Potato, Coleslaw, Fresh Banana, Strawberry Blend, Mexican Cornbread

Thursday: Chili Cheese Frito, American Sub Sandwich with

Trimmings, Buttered Peas, Carrot Sticks with Dip, Fruit cocktail, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Butter Cookie

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Monday: Chicken Gumbo, Cheeseburger, French Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Potato Salad, Hot Cinnamon

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Tuesday: Foot-long Hot Dog, Macaroni and Cheese with Ham, Baked Tater Tots, Seasoned Green Beans, Coleslaw, Tropical Fruit Mix, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Peanut Butter Cookies

Wednesday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Texas Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Spicy Fries, Green Peas, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Garlic Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Jelly-O

Thursday: Baked Chicken, Hamburger, Mashed Potatoes with Cheese, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Peach Cup, Fruit Juice, Crackers, Brownies

Friday: Chicken Sausage Jambalaya, Stuffed Crust Pizza, Oven Fries, Steamed Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Ice Cream

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LUNCH

Monday: Chicken

Gumbo, Turkey Sub with Gravy, Cheeseburger, French Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Potato Salad, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding

Tuesday: Foot-long Hot Dog, Macaroni and Cheese with Ham, Baked Tater Tots, Seasoned Green Beans, Coleslaw, Tropical Fruit Mix, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Peanut Butter Cookies

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Thursday: Baked Chicken, Hamburger, Mashed Potatoes with Cheese, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Peach Cup, Fruit Juice, Crackers, Brownies

Friday: Chicken Sausage Jambalaya, Sloppy Joe, Cheese Pizza, Oven Fries, Steamed Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Ice Cream

All menus subject to change.

Polar Express



In late December second grade students at East Hancock Elementary in Kiln dressed in pajamas as they listened to a reading of Chris Van Allsburg's "The Polar Express." During the reading, various parts of the book were reenacted including the drinking of hot cocoa, ringing of a bell, and riding of the train. Above, students in Karen Kopf's second grade class at East Hancock Elementary show their pass to ride the Polar Express prior to boarding the train.

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Chase Bosarge, Mallory Pullman, Melinda Pullman

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Tabitha Davies

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Antwine James, Mejoan Whittington

3rd Grade:
 Brittnay Bergman, Anthony Vernaci III,

Donald Bush

4th Grade:
 Cassandra Acker, Aryan Buras, Cheyanne Sonnier, Ashley Swanson, Holly Taylor, Tiffany Wake, Ross Wescovich

5th Grade:

Cameron Boughton, Keagon Gillihan, Natassia Irias, Steven Jackson, Starleen Johnson, Dakota Jordan, Joshua Laurent, Sunnie Palode, Britian Patmon, Heather Spencer

O'Connor wins geography bee

Clarissa O'Connor, an eighth-grade student at Our Lady Academy, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Dec. 10 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The school-level bee, at which 30 seventh and eighth-grade students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 15th Annual National Geographic Bee.

The kickoff for this year's bee was the week of Nov. 25, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating.

The school winners, including O'Connor, will

now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state bee on April 4.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense-paid-trip to Washington D.C., for state champions

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Weddings and Engagements

D'Amour, Ladner recently married

Shenée Andriane Ladner of New Orleans and Christopher Albert D'Amour, also of New Orleans, were united in marriage Sept. 21, 2002 in an afternoon ceremony in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

Officiating minister was Antone Lynch, and soloist was Kristen Baur.

The bride is the daughter of Susan Ladner of Diamondhead and Rannie Ladner of Waveland.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Matron of honor was Susan Ladner, mother of the bride.

Bridesmaids included Patti Grisham, Lynn Martinez, Latisha Ladner, Lisa D'Amour, Jenny Richard, Melissa Parker, Ashley Ladner

and Bridgett Hepburn. Flower girl was Amelie Pilie, and ring bearer was Ross Grisham.

Best man was Todd D'Amour.

Groomsmen included Radley Ladner, Michael Quinn, Kyle Potts, Manville Borne, Lee Reid and Artie Schmidt.

Ushers were Pat Paddison, Nick Rasberry and Pete Thompson.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Diamondhead Country Club. Upon arrival at the reception, the bride and groom were greeted with the release of 24 white doves.

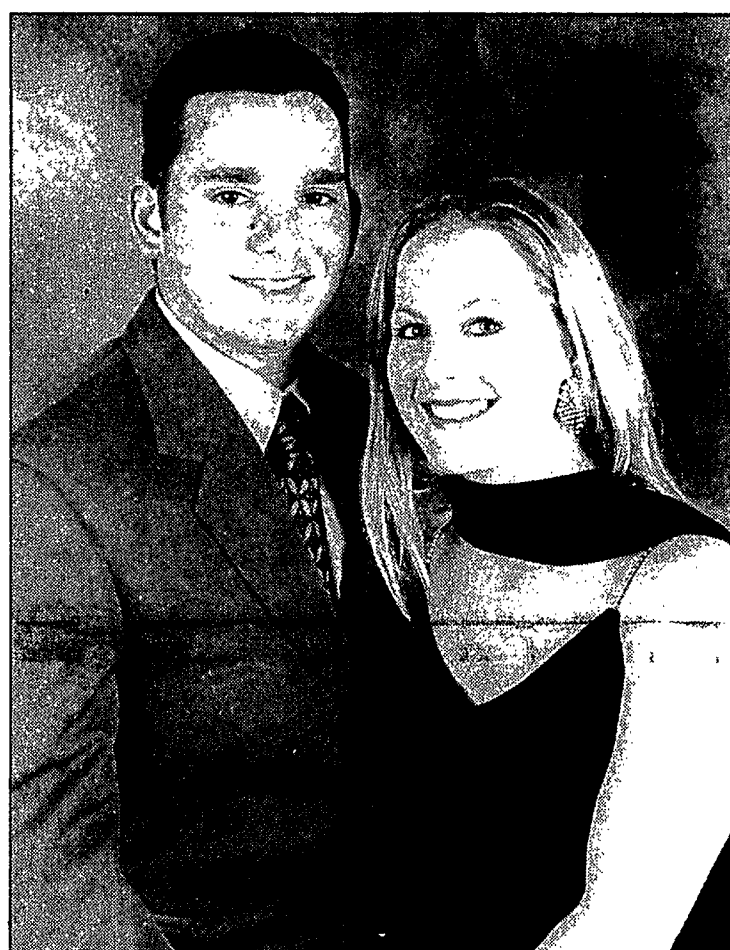
A rehearsal dinner was hosted at Vrazel's.

The couple went to St. Lucia for their honeymoon and will be residing in New Orleans.



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher D'Amour

Adam, Powell to marry in June



Trinity Adam and William Powell Jr.

Wedding ceremony to be held in Kiln's Annunciation Catholic Church

Michael and Arleen Shubert of Pass Christian announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of Trinity Adam to William Powell, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. William Powell of Kiln.

The bride-elect is a 1997 Hancock High School graduate and is pursuing a degree in elementary education at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.

The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of St. Stanislaus and is currently seeking his doctor of chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.

The marriage will take place June 28, 2003 at 2 p.m. in Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln.

Marine television antennas may interfere with navigation systems

The U.S. Coast Guard warns all mariners to be advised that certain marine television antennas may interfere with the performance of Global Positioning System receivers.

The interference can result in inaccurate position information or a complete loss of GPS signals, since the interference is not limited to the GPS equipment onboard the vessel with the antenna. In some cases, vessels up to 2,000 feet away from an active antenna reported interference.

The Federal Communications Commission identified the following models of antennas as having potential problems during investigations of GPS interference:

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Radio Shack Corporation - Long Range Amplified Omni Directional TV Antenna - Model 15-1624.

Shakespeare Corporation - Sea Watch - Models 2040 (Code date 02A00), 2050 (Code date 03A00).

If mariners experience outages or degradation of their GPS receiver operation, they should perform an on-off test of their marine TV antenna.

If turning off the power to the antenna results in improvement in the GPS receiver performance, the antenna may be the source of interference. In that case, the mariner should contact the manufacturer of the antenna and identify the

symptoms.

It is stressed that the GPS interference problem may not be limited to the models listed above.

If mariners identify another model with a GPS interference problem, or if turning off the antenna does not improve the GPS receiver performance, the Coast Guard requests they contact the 24-hour Navigation Information Service at nsws@navcen.uscg.mil or (703) 313-5900.

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Great Books discussion group to meet Jan. 22 at BSL library

Group to discuss William Inge's "Glory in the Flower"

"Glory in the Flower" by William Inge will be the selection discussed at the next Great Books discussion group meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Seal Meeting Room of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

The group is currently studying the volume, 24 Favorite One Act Plays. The Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library has several copies available for checkout.

Sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, the discussion group began in March,

1990. Since that time, members have read more than 345 titles and they have completed 110 readings from great books (Plato, Hobbes, Locke de Tocqueville), Mississippi fiction, play readings and 20 philosophical questions. The group meets every other Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Great Books Foundation was established in 1947 by University of Chicago Chancellor Robert Maynard Hutchins. Its mission is to provide people of all ages, backgrounds and walks of life

with the opportunity to read, discuss and learn from outstanding works of literature.

Today, more than 20,000 adults are members of Great Books discussion groups, and nearly one million students participate in Junior Great Books groups for grades kindergarten through 12.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. The only requirement is that you read the selection before the meeting.

For more information, call Sheila Cork at 467-5282.

Views

Holly's strange powers with his blackness. Jennie was lying near me by the couch, her hindquarters barely touching the fabric.

It was only by chance that I happened to look down or I would have missed what happened. It was very quick! A small black paw darted out from under the couch skirt and flicked across the Jennie's rear and vanished. If Jennie had not leapt up with a sharp yelp, I would have not believed what I had seen.

Jennie looked at the couch and then at me. I got up from my chair, dropped on my knees, and pulling up the skirt, looked under the couch. There was nothing there!

I stared into the darkness. Nothing. Then Holly opened his eyes and the two glowing balls that were his eyes gazed at me. He instantly realized his mistake and tried to get away. It was too late. In seconds I had him free of the cover of the couch, held by the scruff of the neck beside Jennie and delivering a screaming tongue lashing that shook the room.

Did it work? I think so. Holly continued harassing Jennie; pummeling and leaping from ambush, but his claws stayed sheathed and Jennie fought back by acting as if Holly's didn't

exist.

As time when by, I slowly became aware of the magnitude of invisibility that Holly derives from his being black. I also came to realize that Holly was equally aware.

The truth is not as Franklin said, "At night, all cats are gray." No, at night, a black cat is invisible. When I go for a walk with Jenny outside at night, Holly may accompany us by walking on the lighted path where he can be seen or by running on the grass or bushes just outside the light where he is invisible.

And he knows he is invisible! He is an expert at finding pockets of shade to position himself. As we approach we see nothing until a savage cat leaps out of the darkness, slashes at my legs or Jenny's hindquarters and then disappears back into the surrounding blackness.

I am used to these forays and so is Jenny and we ignore them continuing our walk assured that at the next corner or low dark step, a similar assault will occur.

Actually, Holly is not all that good with this cloak of invisibility. A bit of him sometimes projects from the shade, a hind foot or the odd tail.

At night when I go outside and call Holly, I sometimes hear a noise and look

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up. A short distance above me, in the blackness of the porch roof, a pair of eyes, disassociated from any earthly form, floats.

It's Holly looking down at me. There is no other evidence that he is present, just the two eyes, lit, I rationally know, by a reflection of outside light, but appearing to have within them a light source of their own.

At these times, Holly will stay there, crouched, hypnotically staring at me for long moments. I find myself looking back at, and finally, into those eyes; eyes that by their light maintain enigmatic aura that only a cat that claims lineage to ancestors associated with the pharaohs of Egypt can justifiably sustain.

He does sometimes blink on these occasions, but it's not the rapid blink that you or I experience, it is the slow dropping of the lids until presto! the cat has vanished. Then after a measured second, the lids gradually reopen and Holly, the cat, returns with all his previous mystery.

I'm not sure if there is such a thing as a second life. But if there is and a Susan of that time and space comes up to me offering a black cat, I know what I will say.

"Do you have one in a green?"

Pace

Harvest those peas where the pod is eaten before significant seed growth has occurred. Nagel said that except for leafless varieties, peas need a trellis and usually grow 2 to 3 feet tall.

Older varieties can reach 5 to 6 feet tall. Disease is not a problem in Mississippi, but aphids can be an issue. Treat these by spraying the plants with soapy water.

January is also the time to plant greens. Nagel encourages gardeners to look to their

flowerbeds for a tasty vegetable. Red mustards are popular as ornamentals for their attractive red, almost purple, color, and are good to eat.

"If you're careful when you harvest the leaves and don't harm the bud on top of the short stem, it will keep growing and you can enjoy the red mustard for its ornamental value and its flavor on the table," Nagel said.

Kale and collards are the most cold tolerant of the greens, while mustards are

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damaged when not protected at temperatures below 28 degrees.

Greens can be planted from September through March in beds prepared as for peas.

Keep insects away using B.t.s., a bacterial insecticide that paralyzes the pests' digestive system while being totally harmless to mammals.

More information on growing these crops is available from the MSU Extension Service.

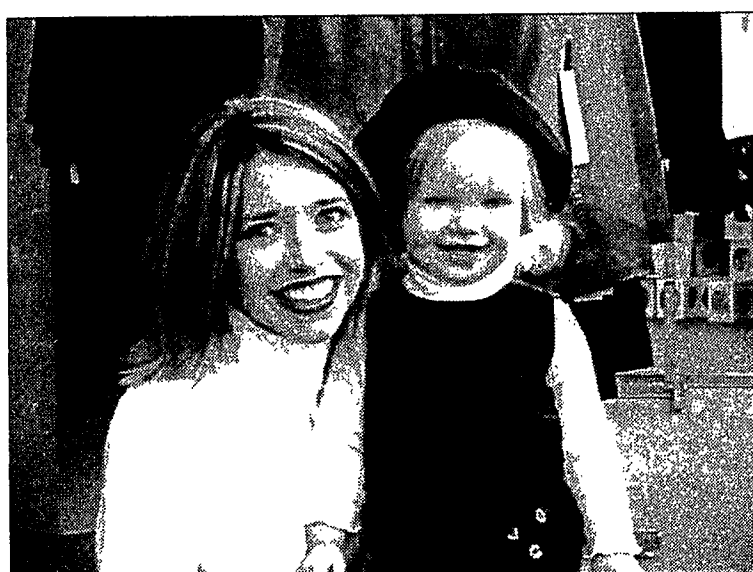
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This was 1964. Luther King was in Memphis. I was listening, and making things.

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But one Williams and decided to go Hwy. 90 for bringing some usually refused admission restaurant.

"I don't know over me," said told them that no pets and they consider I went back FBI.

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Williams

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"I noticed something more," she said. "We were not wanted in town; in the stores we were followed and I just stayed away from town."

This was 1963, and Martin Luther King and his movement were in full swing.

"I was listening, and I was hearing, and I wanted to make things better," she said.

In 1964 Williams landed a job at Valena C. Jones and came home. It was around the time of the Equal Rights Amendment, but life for her went on as usual for a while. She was just happy to be home.

But one day in 1967 Williams and a few teachers decided to go the Frost Top on Hwy. 90 for lunch instead of bringing sandwiches as they usually did. They were refused admittance into the restaurant.

"I don't know what came over me," said Williams. "But I told them that their sign said no pets and asked them if they considered us pets. Then I went back and called the FBI."

"A man came to talk to me at the school, but none of the other teachers would come forward to sign a statement and the principal asked me to take the man to my home to talk to him, so I did, and signed a statement. Within a few weeks I got a letter telling me that the doors were open."

"After that it just seemed like I became one of the cru-

saders," she said. "My parents told us that they would stand by us if we spoke up for what was right. They told us to do what we had to do."

When desegregation came in 1968 Williams was offered a job in the Bay, but refused because so many of her co-workers were left without a job when VCJ closed its doors. She ended up in Moss Point. After five years she landed a job in DeLisle from 1973-1987, then became principal of Charles P. Murphy in Pearlinton until returning to DeLisle as principal in 1993.

In 1974 she was instrumental in helping start a local branch of the NAACP and the mother of the year program along with Thomas Favre and others. She served as president of the organization in the 1980's and has been active in the community, especially at her church, St. Rose de Lima.

Her secret to success and what has overcome the potential obstacles, she says, has been her tremendous love of children.

"I really don't see color

when it comes to children," she said. "I wanted the children to be thinkers and believers and realize they could do anything they wanted to be, if they get an education and learn to be a part of the community. They don't have to go out in the street and fight ... their tongue can be their weapon ... it is the character and the content and



Courtesy of Clementine Williams
Clementine Williams as she appeared for her First Communion at St. Rose de Lima Church in Bay St. Louis in the 1940's. She is still active in the church.

what you project that makes the person ... that is what Dr. King taught."

And of course, Williams says, she also owes her suc-

cess to her parents, "who instilled lifelong values, gave us opportunities, and were the two strongest and most loving people I knew."

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SSC hosts Alumni reunion weekend

St. Stanislaus College will host its Alumni Reunion Weekend on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 for all alumni of St. Stanislaus, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal.

Friday, January 31, SSC will host its first Basketball Alumni Night. The festivities will begin with a Chalk Talk with Coach Jay Ladner at 6 p.m. A tour of the new Fitness Center and recep-

tion will follow.

All former basketball players, as well as the state tournament semifinalist team from 1944-45, will be introduced during half-time of the varsity basketball game beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 1, the graduating classes of 1933, 1943, 1953, 1963, 1973, 1978, 1983, an 1993 will be honored.

The festivities will begin with an open house from

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the campus of St. Stanislaus. A Vigil Mass honoring the Golden Jubilarians will be celebrated in the Student Chapel at 5:30 p.m.

A fully catered reception will begin at 7 p.m. in Our Lady of the Gulf's Community Center.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact the Alumni Office of St. Stanislaus College at 228-467-9057 ext. 226.

Down at Farm is theme for story hour

Down at the Farm will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

"Cock-a-Doodle-Do," "Barnyard Lullaby," "The Cow Who Wouldn't Come Down" and "The Red Barn" are the books to be read.

Mice is the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library

on Thursday, January 23, at 10:30 a.m.

"One Little Mouse" and "Mouse Mess" are the books to be read during the program. Children will play the Three Blind Mice game and song and make a paper mouse.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and

planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

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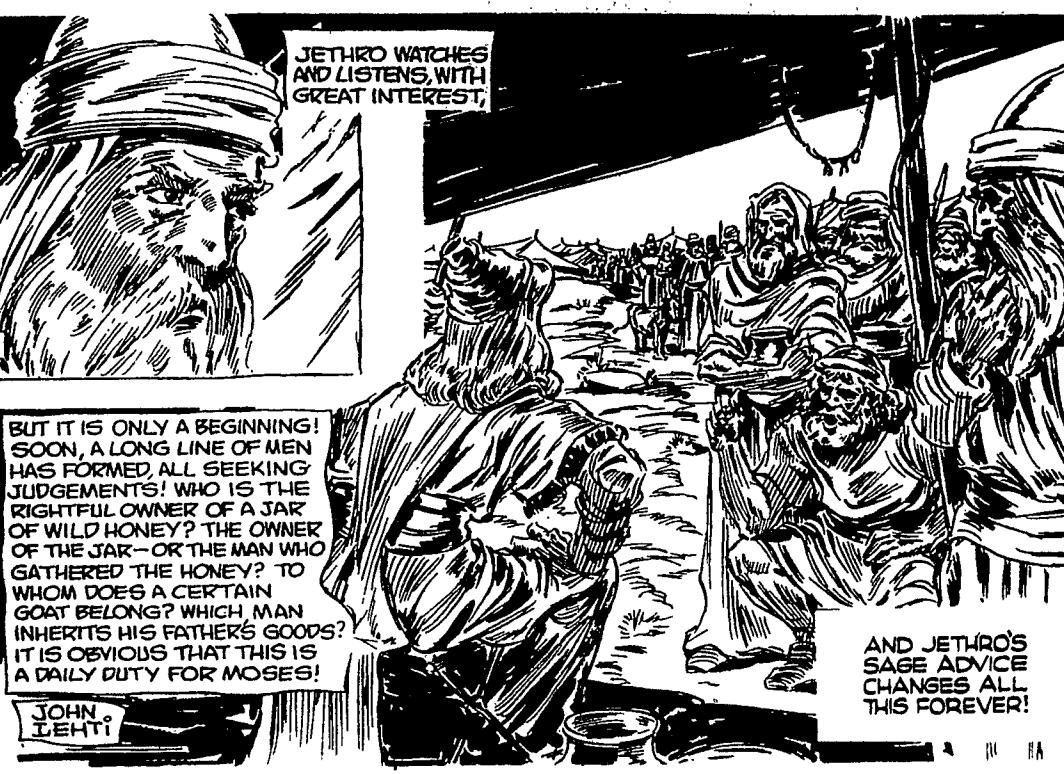
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WHEN JETHRO, MOSES' FATHER-IN-LAW, WAS VISITING THE CAMP OF THE ISRAELITES HE CAUTIONED MOSES WITH A BIT OF ADVICE. AND BECAUSE OF HIS ADVICE PEOPLE EVEN TODAY DELEGATE AUTHORITY IN A LIKE MANNER. WHAT JETHRO SAW THAT CAUSED HIM CONCERN WAS THE FACT THAT MOSES SPENT FROM MORNING TILL NIGHT LISTENING TO THE TROUBLES OF HIS FOLLOWERS AND STRAIGHTENING OUT SQUABBLES AMONG FAMILIES, ETC. TO THE EXTENT THAT MORE IMPORTANT NEEDS WERE NEGLECTED. HE RECOMMENDED ASSIGNING MEN TO SPECIFIC DUTIES TO RELIEVE MOSES OF PETTY DETAILS. "...MEN OF TRUTH...TO BE RULERS OF THOUSANDS, AND RULERS OF HUNDREDS, RULERS OF FIFTIES, AND RULERS OF TENS; AND LET THEM JUDGE THE PEOPLE AT ALL SEASONS..." (EXODUS 18:21,22) AND TO THIS DAY JETHRO'S ADVICE IS POTENTLY PRACTICAL!



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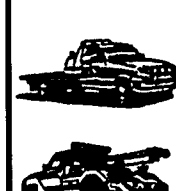
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REFLECTIONS
ON LIFEBy Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVDBeware of brief,
muddled news

"If you drink two or three times a week, your chances of having a heart attack are lessened," you have been hearing on the news recently.

To say the least, much of media reporting on this latest finding of the medical world has been abbreviated, slipshod, irritating, disappointing and ire-provoking.

First of all, the usual blurb is so short and unexplained that it arouses the undue interest of problem drinkers and turns off the people at large who should be curious about the important health issue here. Every blurb should begin with the disclaimer that this health finding is not for problem drinkers.

Secondly, "two or three times a week" must be finessed by explaining that it definitely does not mean the weekend drinking of many folks which does indeed touch two or three days, but amounts to binge drinking. Again, it is problem drinkers who will hear this health news in their own favor.

Finally, it must be pointed out that health scientists are talking about no more than two or three drinks at a time. Further, for many people, the two or three limit is already too much.

Drinking is an issue so personal, so variable and so individual in its effects that we cannot be too precise with it.

For the most part, the printed media, by devoting quite a bit of space and ink to health stories, generally do an acceptable presentation and explanation of facts, conditions, health risks and health benefits. The same cannot always be said for the electronic media which seem ever in a rush, ever impatient to get nowhere fast as in the sweeps and the no-holds-barred rating races.

That said, yes, there is so much smoke here that there must be fire as well. Various aspects of this drinking-for-health discussion have been in the news for several decades at least. For some 30 years, we have been hearing and reading that our red corpuscles receive an appreciable boost from red wine.

It is called the French paradox, since the French consume so very much red wine that one would expect it to harm them.

Au contraire, health sleuths who track such things find that the French are better off for their hearty consumption of red wine. Upon closer inspection, experts saw that the red wine strengthens the red corpuscles in the blood and inhibits heart disease.

Turning our attention away from wine to hard liquor, for almost half a century, health scientists have been saying that, as we get older,

the walls of our veins and arteries tend to harden, but a good shot of liquor a day helps to relax those walls and expand them, thus lessening the likelihood of a heart attack. Again, this is not for the prejudiced ears of problem drinkers.

Shucks, while we're at it, allow us to throw in something from the Internet (www.1to1vitamins.com) which tells us about the kudzu, that famed ground cover which binds the soil of barren hills, which Asians have been using for centuries to relieve the symptoms of alcohol and to reduce one's desire for it.

As in all other cases of nature's own remedies, we should keep an open mind for herbal tools, whether juices or wines or edibles which can help us wend our way through the minefield of life, although we know from the jump that there is no cure for alcoholism. This, of course, is only an aside to our topic of alcohol and heart disease.

Looking back at the French paradox a minute, it would be interesting to know how much wine the French drink now.

On my way to Rome in 1957, I was stunned to read a public service announcement in the French buses: "For your health, do not drink more than a liter of wine a day."

The implications of that sign are a stark, startling message which we could hardly imagine posted inside one of our buses in this country, although I know a number of people who down more than a liter of wine a day.

On the extreme side, I knew a man who daily drank a gallon of moonshine. Only God knows how he survived that mind-numbing poison so many years.

If we are selective enough in our reading and hearing, and stay critically alert amid the health news reports of the media, we can gradually piece together a crazy quilt of case histories and facts vital and useful to our physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual well-being.

High technology is an incredible boon to all of us at this juncture in 2003. Just as we are given to wondering how we ever got by with even the best electronic typewriters, let alone the old manuals, we are now so grateful for word processors and for being able to log on the Internet and grab huge helpings of health information from virtually every source imaginable.

God sends us so many messengers through the media, the Internet and the old reliable word-of-mouth grapevine that we have no excuse for being ignorant, uninformed or confused about the best options for overall health.

The "Word" for the Week
That they should seek God

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There are two big questions concerning life. First, "Why are we here?" And second, "What happens to us when we die?"

The Bible gives us some answers. The Bible tells us that people like you and me were created "that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him" (Acts 17:27).

Yes, one purpose for our existence is to seek for God. But there is a problem. The Bible paints a picture here of people groping around in the dark.

They are like people who get up in the middle of the night and are disoriented. They feel along the wall in the dark to find the light switch.

But the real darkness in which people are groping is the darkness of sin. And as a result, people do not seek God the way they should.

As the Bible says, "There is none righteous, not even one, there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God"

(Romans 3: 10-11).

The point is this, if people are not likely to seek after God, they are not likely to find Him. And two things happen. First, life has no ultimate meaning.

This is true because people are missing God's purpose for them. You see, when you find God and his purpose for you, you have a calling in life.

And this brings real meaning, ultimate meaning, to existence. But a second thing happens if you do not find God. If you do not find God now, in this life, you will be separated from Him in the life to come.

And when you die, your destination will be "the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41). And so I challenge you to, "Seek the Lord while He may be found" (Isaiah 55:6).

To hear more on the same topic, call toll free for the "mini-message of the week," 1-800-777-0389 or visit www.w-e-m.org.

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Jan. 20: RCIA class will start at

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Summer Accelerated Studies offer glimpse of college life

THE SEA COAST ECHO
UNIVERSITY, Miss. — For two years, Ahmed Elalighe has voluntarily attended summer school, while his Gulf Coast friends have gone to the beach or played video games.

This summer, the 14-year-old will be in class again, but he doesn't think he's missing out.

That's because he's getting an early glimpse of college life through Summer Accelerated Studies at the University of Mississippi. The program gives rising eighth-, ninth- and 10th-graders with good grades and motivation a chance to attend classes on a college campus, and live and work with students having similar interests — all while earning high school credit.

At UM's Summer Accelerated Studies program, school and fun are not mutually exclusive, Ahmed said.

"The teachers are understanding there (at SAS) that we gave up our time to take classes while our friends back home are having fun. We had fun at school, and the teachers knew that, and they challenged us just as if we were at our regular school."

After this summer's studies are completed, Ahmed will be among a handful of students who have attended all three years of SAS, which began as an extension of UM's highly successful and competitive Summer College for High School Students, which serves grades 11 and 12.

Jason Wilkins, director of SAS, said enrollment has been steady, but organizers are pushing to quadruple the number of participants by Summer 2004.

SAS students mainly hail from Mississippi since the course work satisfies Mississippi high school curriculum requirements, but students also come to the Oxford campus from surrounding states, including Tennessee, and from as far away as New Mexico.

The summer classes are selected not only to satisfy curriculum requirements but to satiate hungry young minds looking for more than a traditional classroom can offer, Wilkins said.

Rising eighth-graders study mythology and astronomy, rising ninth-graders study creative writing and botany, and rising 10th-graders study Mississippi writers and environmental science.

Students may live in residence halls specifically set aside for them, staffed 24 hours by an adult guardian, or they may elect to commute.

Ahmed, who attends Harrison Central High School, said he enjoyed living on campus.

"The best part about it was to just get away from my family and meet new friends for a change, and also experience the chance

to live college life before even leaving high school," he said.

Cost for resident students is \$935 per semester, including room rent and a meal plan. For commuters, the cost including a lunch meal plan is \$460 per semester.

Scholarships are available, and a scholarship application is included in

the registration packet.

SAS is taught in two sessions, and students may elect to attend both. For resident students, planned weekend excursions include bowling, swimming, movies and trips to neighboring cities, the cost of which will be covered by the program.

For students like Ahmed, however, individual activities seem less important

than the overall experience of being at Ole Miss, attending classes and gaining some measure of independence.

"I expected it to be very tough and very strict," Ahmed said. "But it was more a preparation for college than going to school. We learned a lot academically, but we also got some experience of college life."

Ahmed was so impressed that he's already looking past high school.

"Because I had the chance to see Ole Miss," he said, "I want to pursue my dream of coming to Ole Miss and getting my medical degree."

For more information and for registration materials for SAS, contact Jason Wilkins in the UM Office of

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Bay St. Louis City Council workshop and meeting scheduled for Monday, January 20 and Tuesday, January 21, 2003 has been rescheduled to Monday, January 27, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. The City Council workshop and meeting will be held at the City Hall Annex, 111 Court Street. All interested parties are invited to attend.
PAULA C. FAIRCONNETUE
CLERK OF COUNCIL

01/12, 01/16, 01/19/03

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
Irry Steel, Inc. has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code 1972 at the Harrison County Industrial Seaway (Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi).
The applicant is requesting permission to dredge approximately 5,000 cubic yards of material over a five year period to maintain a ship berthing area at its facility. Dredge material will be disposed of at Harrison County Development Commission Disposal Areas.
In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 (341)), as amended by PL 85-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (33 U.S.C. 1313) Section 308 (33 U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (33 U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.
Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385 Jackson, Mississippi 39205 before 1:00 p.m. on the day January 24, 2003.
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Wetlands Protection Law Act, Title 49, Chapter
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The applicant is requesting permission to locate and expand its current ginning vessel and surrounding support facilities. The vessel will be located perpendicular to the shore. A 67,336 sq ft, 743 space, four story parking garage will be constructed south of the vessel. The garage will be pile supported. A 9,926 square foot pile supported access roadway will be constructed to allow entry into the parking garage to the south of the vessel. A 4,581 square foot pile supported service drive will be constructed to the north in order to permit service access to the vessel. 21,600 square foot support building is located to the east of the vessel. All or

of the parking garage, access roadway, ice drive, and support building will be built water bottoms. Approximately 50,000 cubic yd of material will be excavated as part of this project; with 39,000 cubic yards being dredged within the Mississippi Sound and 12,000 yd being excavated from the current upland area. An 825 foot bulkhead will be constructed around the gaming vessel. A 1,531 foot long 15 foot wide boardwalk/fishing pier will be constructed north and east of the gaming vessel. The project is located on the Mississippi Sound in Harrison County, MS.

compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq.), as amended by PL 95-217, the applicant requests certification from the Office of Water Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (33 U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (33 U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (33 U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

The person requesting the above comments or wishing to submit comments to the proposed regulated activity must submit the comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 University Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box

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Grand Casino Biloxi takes a journey back in time, as Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean "return" to the stage in The Rat Pack at the Biloxi Grand Theatre.

The Rat Pack is a tribute to four friends, who partied and shared the stage together in Las Vegas during the early sixties. Urged by the voice of Buddy Hackett (father of cast member Sandy Hackett who portrays Joey Bishop) to return to earth and "do it one more time" — the Rat Packers do just that.

The show is filled with their one-liners and songs, which are accompanied by a 12-member band. Songs include: Sinatra standards, "Come Fly With Me," "Angel Eyes," and "All Of Me." Martin's "That's Amore" and Davis's "What Kind Of Fool Am I" and "Mr. Bojangles."

In addition to Hackett, The Rat Pack stars Henry Prego as Frank Sinatra, Tony Tillman as Sammy Davis Jr., and Pete Willcox as Dean Martin. The show also features Stacey Nicole in a special cameo appearance as Marilyn Monroe.

Admission is \$14.95 and \$9.95. Show dates and times for The Rat Pack are:



'The Rat Pack'

Jan. 20-22, 27-29 at 8 pm;

Jan. 23, 30 at 7 pm and 10 pm;

Jan. 19 at 3 pm and 8 pm;

Jan. 25 at 3 pm, 7pm and 10 pm;

Feb. 2 at 3 pm; No shows Jan. 17, 18, 24, 26, 31 and Feb. 1.

Dinner show packages are available for The Rat Pack through the Grand Box Office. The Casual Dinner Package, which

includes a show ticket and dinner at the Marketplace Buffet, Roxy's Diner, Corky's BBQ or Islandview Café, is \$21.95, and the Gourmet Dinner Package, which includes a show ticket and dinner at Brulo's or Chopstix, is \$39.90 (all diners are set menus except for the buffet).

Room show packages are also being offered for this show. The package includes one night's room and tax and two vouchers for the

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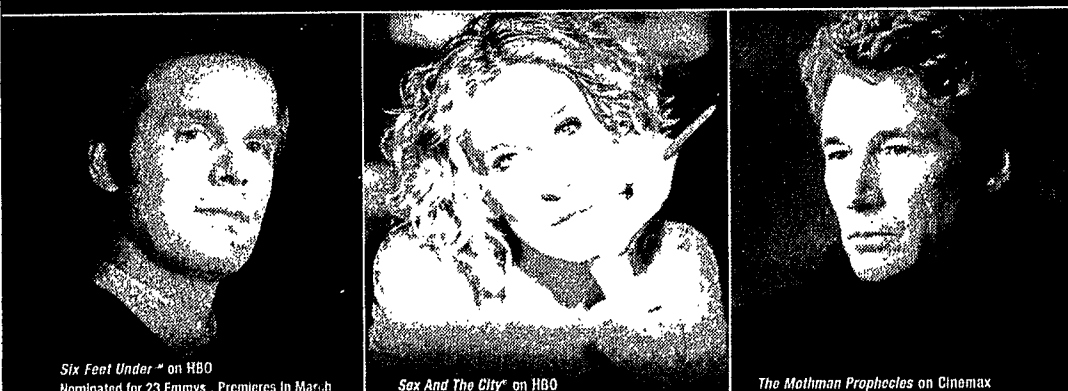
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